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Tohn Colet, Son of
Sir Henry Colet,
Mercer, and twice
Lord Mayor of Lon-
don, was the only surviving
Child his Parents had of two and
twenty. Thus God, though he
breaks the Ring, left them the
Diamond in preserving him a-
live.

In his Youth he visited For-
eign parts, and the scattered
perfections of several Nati-
ons he Collected and distilled

into himself, Returning home, in Oxford he publickly expounded all Saint Paul's Epistles with no less profit to others than Applause to himself. He taught the Learned there to beat their swords into Mattocks, and their spears into pruning-hooks, to turn Disputes into Doctrines, Controversies into positive Divinity.

Then began the beams of his worth to shine in the Court, and King Henry the seventh (a knowing Prince who generally grounded his Favour on desert) for his well expounding Saint Paul's Epistles, made him Dean of Saint Pauls

in London. Here Colet read his former Lectures over again, preferring rather to set on the Table wholsome cold meat which had been there once before, than to feed his Auditors with flesh half raw, though hot from the Spit.

But day shall as soon be without Night, as a grand merit without envy attending it. Some accused him as not thorow paced in his Religion. and confining on Heresie in some Opinions, as denying due reverence to Images and Saints, &c.

But as our Colet preferred the immediate going to God before mediation of Saints, so God

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gave him the happiness to have direct access to his Earthly King, without applying himself to the favour of Courtiers. King Henry the Eighth had the hearing of his cause, and dismissed him with this worthy testimony: Let other men choose what Doctor they please, this Man shall be my Doctor.

He was (as I may say) a Luther before Luther, for his Doctrine. A strict shunner of vice in himself, and punisher of it in those that were under him. Look on this Treatise to behold his faith, and on Saint Pauls School (which he Founded) to see his Charity.

By T. F. DD.

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A fruitful Direction,
and Order of a good Christian
Life, very profitable to be regarded
of all People. With sundry fruitful
Precepts to be followed. Made
by that worthy Man, Dr. *Colet*,
sometime Dean of St.

Pauls.

REmember first of all (virtuous
Reader) that it is high wis-
dom, and great perfection thy
self to know, and then thy self
to despise; thou must know that thou hast
nothing that good is of thy self, but of God:
for the gifts of Gods nature and all other
temporal gifts of this world, which be law-
fully and truly obtained, well considered,
are come to thee by the infinite goodness and
grace of God, and not thy self. Wherefore
and in especial it is necessary for thee to
know, that God of his great grace, hath
made thee his Image, having regard to thy
memory, understanding and will, and that
God is thy Maker, and thou his wretched
Creature,

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Creature, and thou art redeemed of God by the passion of Jesus Christ, and is thy helper, thy refuge, and thy deliverer from all evil, and to consider and know the goodly order which God of his infinite wisdom hath ordained thee to be ordered by: as to have these temporal goods for the necessity of the body, the body and sensual appetites to be ordered by the soul, the soul to be ordered by reason and grace, to know thy duty to God, and to thy Neighbour; and by all common reason if thou do keep this convenient order to God and his Creatures, they shall keep their order to thee: but if thou do break thy order to them, of likelihood they shall break their order to thee; for how should thy Wife, Children, Servants, and other Creatures with thee which thou hast domes, do their duty, and keep their order to thee, if thou dost not so to God and to men? And also think thou of a surety, if thy sensual appetite be not ordered by reason and grace, thou art worse ordered than a beast; for thou then livest out of order, and so doth not a Beast; which is a great shame and rebuke to thee, being a reasonable creature, and without the great mercy of God, it shall be thine eternal destruction: wherefore I say consider what thy

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thy sin is, in the ignorance of God, of thy self, and of thine own evil, and of his holiness; and search thine impenitency in this, that thou makest too light account of Gods justice, and therefore thy heart waxeth hard, it is far without feeling of faith, either toward God, or love towards thy Neighbour, so that thou likest and lovest sin, and hast no grief nor hatred for it: Examine further, whether thou hast not neglected Gods Word, either not in diligent hearing of it preached or read, or when thou hast heard it, in not regarding it: nay, whether thou hast not had more delight to read unprofitable things, favouring altogether of the flesh, such as thou shouldst be afraid once to think of as it would have beseemed thy holy profession, and whether thou hast not rebelled against it, whilst thou hast withstood the working of it, that thou should mortifie the old man, changing it, and gaining upon it daily, till it be framed to Gods most holy will, and if thou shalt find these things in thee; then judge thy self of sin, that thou be not judged of the Lord, for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Moreover judge thy self for putting no difference between Gods will and thy corrupt will, through which thou hast neglected

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Gods will, and love thine own to fly from his and follow thine own; which then hath plainly shewed it self, when his was plainly taught to be contrary to thine, and yet thou didst yield to it, in breathing forth unseemly and ungodly pangs, ragings, and murmurings against it; and therefore judge thy self of this intollerable pride of mind, and stubbornness of heart, and of these unbridled affections, rebelling and murmuring against God, and mis-judging of him that reproveth thee: Further, see whether thou hast judged thy self for neglect of prayer, when thou hast omitted many dayes, never regarding it, but as a profane person hast no once thought of thy duty therein: and when thou hast prayed, hast done it in the ceremony, without taste or remorse of faith or sin, in such coldness and broken sort, that there hath been no life nor comfort in it: Judge thy self, whecher in prayer; thou hast practised the exercises of a broken heart healed in Christ, and changed into righteousness: whether the just meditation of Gods goodness moveth thee to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and worketh in thee the love thereof, that thou mightest be stirred up to love him, and to walk in that obedience that he requireth of thee: And
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because the abusing of Gods Creatures is a great sin, examine thy self, whether thou dost mis-use them in a forge fulness of God, in pride of life to please thy self in the creature more than in the Creator, seeing with the abuse of them to set forth thy self in pride, to please thy self and the fleshly eyes of others, rather, than in humbleness, to use them to the pleasing and praying Almighty God the Creator, In the use of all which things, the love of God, which appeareth unto thee to a continual meditation, to make thee to spye out sin in thy self, and to judge that to be sin, which is sin indeed, and in no wise to mince or diminish it, or to cover it with the figg leaves of thine own vain excuses, but to lay it open before the Lord, nakedly and plainly as it is; so that thou call not sin righteousness, nor righteousness sin; good, evil, nor evil good: but condemn that which thou knowest to be sin, to abhor it, to flee from it, without all hypocrisie and cloaking of it with self-love, or nourishing it, or else with lightness and contempt to dwell in it; and therefore thou must examine this sin thoroughly, of not applying thy heart and mind to meditate and understand, to believe and taste of the work of thy salvation wrought in Christ crucified, through

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through which thou walkest in a security, wanting faith, and yet not feeling thy want, wanting the food of life, and the taste of God, and yet hungrést not after it, but thinkest thy self full when thou art empty, and nevertheless art not empty and poor indeed, to beg it at God's hands the supplier thereof; through which thou feelest not thy incorporation into Christs body, feel the effect thereof in Christs death, to die from sin in his Resurrection, to live to Righteousness in his Ascension: to ask after Heavenly things, and to leave the Earth and flesh, in his coming again, to be ready with faith and joy to meet him: And here withall weigh what a great sin it is, not to hearken to the Spirit of God, when it might work in it, whereby thou dost grieve it and quench it, when thou dost not gladly obey it, and yield to the motions of it; And therefore judge thy self for not putting off the old man with all his works, and for not putting on the new man, in bringing forth the fruits of regeneration, for not considering thine exile in the flesh from God, or in this World from Heaven: to lament it, and the cause of it, and to extoll the providence of God, by which thou livest: and for being idle, vain, proud, in thinking, speaking, and doing.

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Again, for not feeling the estate of Gods afflicted Church, to sorrow in the affliction of it: for not seeking zealously to glorifie his Gospel, through which thou art not thoroughly touched for any false Doctrine, Idolatry, or sin: for standing against which, the Saints of God have been, and still are persecuted and killed, and yet thou livest carelessly without feeling of it, and art at a good point, sink it, swim it. To conclude then, I mean by sin^r whatsoever is declared to be sin in the word of God, which lyeth either seen or unseen in our hearts, of what estate soever we be, and appeareth in life, which is found out by the word of God, and so adjudged, which thou oughtest to lament before God in t^e exercises of a broken heart, to beat down thy heart with humbleness, to cause thee to beg mercy of taste of heart, and of very need, to seek that heavenly Physician Jesus Christ, and of eager desire to feed on him by faith, to the assurance of life and salvation, that the sweetness thereof may work in thee the love of thy God to praise him, the love of his written Word to do it, and in doing it to dedy thy self, thy will, affection, and life; that with humbleness thou maist walk alwayes with and before the Lord in the holiest and

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righteousness that pleaseth him, knowing that his eye doth search thy heart and life, to see in it his will done and obeyed: I say alwayes, thou which when thou dost not, thou displeasest him, and therefore must ask mercy; and so if thou continually strive and labour to do it, he doth accept thy imperfect doings in Christ to encourage thee to take better hold, and to do better, &c. Wherefore think, and thank God, and utterly despise thy self, and think thy self a wretch, in that God hath done so much for thee, and thou hast so oft offended his Highness, and also done him so little service: and surely it is also great wisdom for thee to think, that if it had pleased God for to have given to all other men grace, as he hath given to thee, that they would have served him better than thou hast done: wherefore by his mercy, and grace, call unto thy remembrance the degree or dignity which Almighty God, of his goodness, hath called thee unto, and according thereto, yield thy debt, and do thy duty: First, and principally, honour God as thy Maker, love him as thy Redeemer, fear him as thy Judge. Secondly, thy Neighbour, which is thy superior obey: have concord and peace with them which be like with thee in degree, and have
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mercy on thy inferiors. Thirdly, provide thee to have a heart purged, and a good custody of thy tongue: and in all thy words and deeds have ever in thy mind that thou shalt dye shortly, and that God heareth and see h every thing, and that nothing is so privily done but it shall be made open. And every morning among other Meditations and Prayers, pray unto the Lord God, that the day following thou mayest use this wretched world, in thy thoughts, words, and deeds, that thou mayest by the merits of Christ's passion, eschew the pains of Hell, and come to the joy everlasting; And in executing thereof, keep truth in words and deeds, defend no man, nor no matter against the truth. In all things think and trust in God, and he shall direct thy wayes: Trust not to thine own wit, but fear God, and he will keep thee from evil: Be content to hear good counsel, though it be contrary to thy will, for he is a very fool that will hear nothing gladly but what is according to his own mind: do no man harm, lest thou suffer the same; as thou wouldest be done unto, so do thou unto others: be such to others as thou desirest they should be unto thee. If thou be Religious, remember that the due execution of true Religion, is not in the wearing of
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the habit, but with a clear mind in very deed, to execute the rules of true Religion, and the ordinances thereof: If thou be laye and unmarried, keep thee clean unto the time thou be married, and remember the sore and terrible punishment of *Noahs* floud, and of the destruction of *Sodom* and *Gomer-rab*, done to man for mis-riling flesh; and if thou intend to marry, or to be married, and hast a good Wife; thank God therefore, for she is of his sending; and remember that there be three things pleasing to the Spirit of God, that is to say, concord between Brethren, love and charity between Neighbours, and a man & wife well agreeing together: & have in remembrance, that the intent of marriage is not in the beastly appetite of the flesh, but to eschew the evil thereof, or to have Children. And if thou have Children, as much as thou maist, bring them up in virtue, to be the Servants of God; for it were better for them and thee not to be born than otherwise. In thine Authority, busie thee rather to be beloved of thine Inferiors, than to be dreaded. Let thy Subjects and Servants rather serve and obey thee for love, than for dread or need: With such a Sovereign goodness govern thy Subjects, that they may be glad to serve thee, both in punishment

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punishment and in cherishing: Keep a measurable mean, be not too streight, forget not to keep a convenient measure in all thy works: go not to meat but as a reasonable man, with thanks to God for his gifts; and then remember, that more be sick, and dye by Superfluities of meats and drinks, than otherwise. Wherefore eat with measure, to live in health; at thy meat have no other but honest communication, and such as is according to thy knowledge; back-bite no man; be merry in honesty; for sorrow and care hath killed many, and no profit is therein. In no wise swear without compulsion of the Law; for whereas is great swearing, from thence is never the plague of God. In no wise brawl, nor chide; for *Solomon* saith, *Better is a little with joy, than much with brawling and contention*: And *he* saith, *An evil person is ever chiding*; and therefore the Angel of God shall be sent against him: Be content at all times to give part of that which God hath sent thee, for he that will not hear the cry of the poor, shall cry to God and not be heard. With good providence and discretion, see the time where, when, how, why, and wherefore thou speakest, dost, or biddest any thing to be done: when thou deemest or judgest any thing to be done, in
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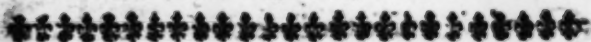
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poor or rich, behold and consider the cause, and not the person: be as meek in other mens causes and offences, as in thine own: sit never in doom and judgment, without pity and mercy; for while thou hast pity and mercy on other mens offences, thou hast mercy on thine own: for in what measure thou measurest to others, it shall be measured to thee again; yet thou must execute judgment: for to do mercy and justice is more pleasing to God, than to pray, or do sacrifice unto him; Judge no man by light suspicion, prove first, and then Judge; in doubts, refer the Judgment and sentence to Gods might, and what thou knowest not, commit it to Gods might, have little or none affection of these earthly and transitory things; for blessed is the Rich man that trusteth not in money or treasure; remember as a man loveth so he is; for the lover is in the thing loved, more properly than in himself; wherefore if a man love earthly things, he may be called an earthly man; but if he love properly Heavenly things, or God, he may be called an Heavenly or a Godly man: therefore love God and heavenly things, for undoubtedly that is the best and most assured love; for they be, and ever shall be permanent, and all earthly things be soon vanished and

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and ended, and so the love of them is in vain. Also it is high wisdom to fear God; for that he saith himself, fear not him that can kill the body, and cannot hurt the Soul; but fear him that can kill the body and also the Soul, and commit them to everlasting pain. Wherefore every evening before thou go to bed, call to thy remembrance, as much as thou canst, thy thoughts, words, and deeds, said and done that day: And if any have been to thine own profit, and to the pleasure of God, heartily thank him, for by his grace it was done: and if any have been contrary to his will and pleasure, ask heartily mercy, & reconcile thy self shortly to him by repentance, to eschew the everlasting destruction of thy soul: For as St. *Augustine* saith, *there is not a greater madness, than for a little temporal delectation which is soon done, to lose the eternal joy, and to be bound to everlasting pain*: From the which, the Almighty Father by his infinite power and mercy, bitter passion and infinite wisdom of Jesus Christ; and by the infinite goodness and charity of the Holy Ghost, keep us now and for ever. Amen.

Jam. 5. 20. *Let him know, that he which hath converted a sinner from going astray out of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.* What



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PPrayer is an humble request either of the heart, or tongue, or both unto God, proceeding from our belief and acknowledgment of his power, as God, and of his goodness, as our Father in Jesus Christ, to supply all our necessities, with thanksgiving unto him for any blessing received.

The parts of Prayer are usually three.

1. *Humble Confession.*
2. *Petition or Supplication.*
3. *Heartly Thanksgiving.*

1. Confession.
Which is an humble and penitent repetition of our former wickedness, with an acknowledgment of punishments and miseries thereby deserved, and with an earnest desire and prayer for absolution, and that for Jesus Christ alone.

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○ He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy, *Prov. 28. 13.*

○ I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin, *Psal. 32. 5.*

○ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, *1 John 1. 19.*

My mis-deeds prevail against me; ○ be thou merciful to my sins, *Psal. 67. 3.*

2. Petition.

Petition or Supplication is that part of Prayer, in which we beseech God, the Author of all good, and punisher of all ill, for all the mercies, comforts, Graces, and blessings of this Life and the Life to come, and for deliverance from all fears, ills, dangers, and punishments of this Life, and the Life to come, for our selves and others, and all for the merits of Christ Jesus alone, and his mediation.

Hearken unto my voyce, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me, *Psal. 27. 8.*

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercies: even in the truth of thy salvation,
Psal. 69. 14. Who

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Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse me from my secret faults, *Psal. 19.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies do away my offences, *Psal.*

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Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved, *Rom. 10.*

3. Hearty Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is an humble joyful acknowledgment and expression of our thanks unto Almighty God for any mercy or blessing received, or promised; and for preservation and deliverance from any calamity, danger, or distress, with denial of our own merits of the least of these, and a magnifying of the greatness and goodness of God unto us in and through Jesus Christ.

Give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his Name, *Psal. 105.*

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, and by him, *Col.*

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My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know no end thereof, *Psal. 71, 13.*

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O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders he doth for the children of men: that they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, *Psal. 107.*

O Lord thou art my God, I will exalt thee, I will praise thy Name, for thou hast done wonderful things, *Isa. 25. 1.*

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits he hath done unto me?

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord, *Psal. 116.*

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Most comfortable Prayers for
Sunday Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father;
blessed be thy Name for ever: di-
pose my heart; open my lips, and give me
thy Holy Spirit, to a true acknowlege-
ment of all my sins, that my prayers may
be heard of thee, in the name of thy Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Psalm.

Hear me when I call, O God
of my righteousness: for thou
hast set me at liberty when I
was in trouble: have mercy
upon me, and hearken unto my Prayer.

My voyce shalt thou hear betimes, O
Lord, early in the morning will I direct

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my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness, neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

Therefore, O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak, O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul O save me for thy mercies sake.

For in death no man remembreth thee, and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

Wherefore away from mee all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voyce of my complaint.

The Lord hath heard my petition, the Lord will receive my Prayer.

For why? my righteous God tryeth the very heart and reigns.

And my help cometh of God which preserveth them that are true of heart.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee O Lord, with my whole heart, and I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoyce in thee, yea my Songs and praise will I make of thee, O thou most Highest !

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For God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient, and God is provoked every day.

If a man will not turn he hath bent his Bow, and will whet his Sword, and make it ready.

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MOst mighty and gracious God, which hast brought me out of the nights darkness, into the light of thy truth to see the light of thy love, that I may rejoyce in the day of my visitation and salvation, whereby the day spring from on high hath visited me, and in the day of salvation thou wilt succour me. This day make me hear thy voyce, and not harden my heart through unbelief or deceitfulness of sin but that by faith I may enter into the promised rest: give grace unto me O Lord, and to all thy people to walk warily, diligently, and dutifully in my vocation, to do such good works wherewithal thou maist be well pleased; and that walking in thy ways, I may work out my salvation with fear and trembling; and that all my meditations, thoughts, words, and works may tend to the edifying of my Christian bretheren, the discharge

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2. *Morning Prayer.*

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thy goodness in Christ. I humbly beseech thee to give me thy gracious gift of true; holy, perfect, and perpetual repentance, that I may more and more lament my former sinful life, trusting unfeignedly in the rich mercies of thee my God, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, for the pardon of all my sins: And grant, O Lord, I beseech thee, that I may unfeignedly purpose, and effectually labour to amend my life this day, and so long as I have to live, - to the praise of thy name, and the good example of others. And forasmuch as thou knowest my weakness, my ignorance, and great untowardness, to carry any cross or affliction, that thou wilt of thy merciful goodness, so temper and order all things towards me this day and ever, that I be never tempted or proved further than I shall be able to bear; but so to help me in the same, as may be most for thy glory, and my comfort. And although (O God) thy goodness, mercy, and truth to mankind in all thy works doth abundantly appear; yet herein chiefly thou declarest thy self to be most favourable, merciful, and gracious, that not suffering us to walk in darkness, ignorance and blindness, thou hast given us thy most holy and

bleſſed word, to be a lanthorn to our feet to lighten our ſteps in the path-way of everlaſting life, leſt we ſhould walk in the ſhadow of death: In which thy moſt bleſſed and ſacred word, thou haſt finally and perfectly ſet forth unto mankind, ſo much of thy Glorious Majeſty as was expedient for us to know, and not only that, but haſt herein alſo fully expreſt thy moſt holy and bleſſed will, whatſoever is neceſſary for the ſalvation of mankind, to be known, to bring him to life everlaſting. Give me grace, moſt merciful Father that for ſo high a treasure left amongſt us, I may be thankful, reverently embrace, accept, and eſteem of the ſame, as the moſt precious jewel in earth, and be therein confirmed moſt ſtrongly, that all things therein contained be moſt undoubtedly true, not by any mortal man, but by the moſt holy Spirit in man, penned and written to the comfort and behoof of man: And that I may moſt humbly, lowly, and with moſt high reverence ſubmit my ſelf thereunto, as becometh thy eternal Majeſty, and the word proceeding out of thy moſt bleſſed mouth: that I may with reverence and obedience, read, hear, and occupy my ſelf in the ſame, to the comfort of my ſoul,
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and the increase of thy glory : Lighten my understanding (most dear Father) with thy most holy Spirit, that I may learn clearly conceive and understand the things therein contained, which no mortal man can conceive save those that have learned of thee, and whom thou by thy holy spirit dost lighten and instruct. Guide me, dear Father with thy most holy Spirit, that having the true understanding of the mysteries therein contained, I may be fully established and confirmed in the true knowledge of thee my dear Father, and of thy beloved Son my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in conscience thoroughly perswaded, that I have my full perfect salvation and life everlasting in him, and through his attonement made by his death and passion. That I do not vainly abuse the knowledge of thy most sacred word to satisfie vain curiosity, or brag of knowledge, but only to the releiving of my hungry and wounded conscience, to the loosing of my fettered soul, and the appeasing of my sorrowful heart : that I may to the end of my life walk in sincerity before thee my heavenly Father, in the comforts of thy dear Son my Saviour, upholden still by the merciful power of the Holy Ghost, to thine everlasting praise and glory for ever, Amen.

*A Confession to God the
Father.*

O Lord my God, I confess unto thee, that my heart is unclean, that I am of polluted lips, wallowing in the dung, and stinking in the rottenness of mine own sin, so that I may justly tremble to appear before thy glorious presence, much more to present unto thee thy Pure praises out of my defiled mouth: but who except thou, O Lord, can make me clean? and what is Pure which thou hast not purged? Therefore O Father of life, O Lord of light, with all the forces of my soul, I do beseech thee to help me thy servant, whom of thy mercy thou hast created: cleanse my filthiness, lighten my darkness, inflame my coldness, quicken my dulness, awake my drowsiness, revive my deadness: repair the ruins of my soul, enlarge the frame of the understanding thereof, cleanse it from all earthly corruption, garnish it with thy heavenly graces, that it may be conveniently both fit and furnished to receive thee, that thou maist make thine entry, and possess that which is thine own, both by creation, and also by redemption: and that as thou art exalted above all creatures; so above all creatures

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tures, I may honour thee and praise thee, not with that affection wherewith my weakness is able, either to do or to desire, but with that perfection wherewith in duty I should, and wherewith thy Saints and Angels indeed do: for what worthy praise can I give unto thee, by whose goodness I was created, by whose mercy I was redeemed, by whose power I am preserved, and by whose grace I look to be glorified? when I was not, thou didst make me; when I was lost and forlorn, thou camest down, and tookest mortality upon thee to redeem me: these and many other benefits have I received, some in hand, and some in hope, although through my own sinful demeanour, I have almost both let go my hold, and lost my hope; therefore O Lord, I most humbly beseech thee save thy servant, save one of thy members, though poor and feeble, save I say, a part of thy self, be as great in pardoning those that are submitted unto thee, as in punishing those that are rebellious: pour upon my heart the sweet streames of thy mercies: conform my life, settle my faith, settle me in a right and upright course, and continue me in the same even unto the end: grant this, O Father, through thy dear Son Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be.

all honour and glory, for ever and ever
Amen.

A devout Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O Most sweet Saviour, and merciful Redeemer, Jesus Christ the Son of God, who although thou art high, yet art thou most humble: and as thou art omnipotent, so art thou most meek; and as thou art most mighty, so art thou most merciful: to thee O Christ the giver of all felicity, the Father of Heaven hath given all power both in Heaven and in Earth. Thou art the true Pastor of our souls, thou art our Messias, thou castest off none that sue unto thee; but as thou hast taken away the hand-writing that was against us, and hast fastned it to the Cross, so art thou ready to impart the merits of thy passion to all such as with true repentance of their sins, call upon thee faithfully: wherefore my sweet Saviour, I most faithfully and unfainedly acknowledge the benefits that thou hast bestowed upon me, and stedfastly believe that thou being an immaculate Lamb, in whose mouth was never found guile, didst suffer most cruel torments at the hands of sinners, for the love of us most wretched sinners: for the which cause I most heartily be-
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Seech thee, and most humbly pray thee to accept me into the number of them whom thou wilt receive to mercy and favour; and although I of my self be most unworthy thereof, yet thy merits can make me worthy, to them I fly, craving that I may be so armed and defended by them, that I may subdue the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, even as thou hast gloriously conquered Sin, Death, and Hell. Thou seest O my Saviour, how I am daily and hourly beset with these three enemies, and so hardly besieged of them, that without thy help, I can by no means escape, but that I must needs be a prey unto one of them: strengthen me therefore, O Lord, that neither the one with carnal Lust, neither the other with delectable pleasures, nor Satan with all his craft and subtil devices, get the dominion over me: thou hast bought me, thou hast paid for me: save, keep and defend me, be alwayes ready at the voice of my crying; pour into me thy grace patiently to abide thy divine pleasure in all things: make me both at this present, and all the dayes of my life to have in my mind, and profoundly to root in my heart, the mysteries of thy painful passion, and so to be filled with the remembrance thereof, that sin may no more prevail with me, and that

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Satan mine old enemy may well perceive that thou
 he hath neither part nor fellowship in me, ples
 but that I am both body and soul altogether O de
 thine : to whom, O my sweet Saviour, with me,
 the Father and the holy Ghost be ascribed all mor
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A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O Holy Spirit, worthy of all honour ;
 which makest up the Almighty Trinity,
 which proceedest from the Father and the
 Son, and art equal to either of them in glory,
 but differing from them but only in property
 of person, which of thy goodness, forgiveest
 the sins of them that amend, which with thy
 holy breath cleanseest mens minds, comfort-
 ing them when they be in sorrow, cheering
 them up with pure gladness, when they be
 in heaviness, leading them into all truth
 when they be out of the way, kindling in
 them the fire of charity when they be a cold,
 knitting them together with the glew of peace
 when they are at variance, and garnish them
 with sundry gifts which profess the Name of
 thy Son Jesus Christ, by whose working all
 things live which live indeed, whose delight
 is to dwell in the hearts of the simple, which
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at thou hast vouchsafed to consecrate for Tem-
 e, ples to thy self, wherefore I do beseech thee,
 er O dear Father, to maintain those thy gifts in
 h me, and to increase them daily more and
 ll more, that by thy governance the lusts of
 - the flesh may dye in me, and the desire of the
 heavenly-life may quicken and increase. Let
 me so pass, I beseech thee, O my God,
 through the misty desert of this world (thy
 light going before me) as I may never be de-
 filed with Satans vices, nor be intangled with
 any errors disagreeing from thy truth, which
 the true Catholick Church hath delivered
 unto us by the instinct of thee, which livest
 and raigest with the Father and the Son e-
 verlastingly, to whom be all honour and glo-
 ry for ever. Amen..

A fruitfull Prayer to God.

O My dear Lord and God, what is this
 world? it is evil, it is a palace of vain
 pleasure, a cage of iniquity, or rather lump
 of misery; and what am I Lord, what am I
 but a friend of this present evil world, and
 an enemy to thee? what am I but a child of
 wrath, and son of darkness, so glued to sin,
 and lymed with iniquity, that my body is a
 body of sin? what then, O Lord, shall I do?
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shall the mountain of sin oppress me, or the world with the baits of vanity so choak me, that I shall never like an Eagle fly to the carcasses, nor be able to cry for help to thee the only Morning-Star, which art wont to spread forth the beams of comfort unto the needy in time of extremity? O Lord my God, give me the wings of faith to fly unto thee, and pour upon me the dew of thy blessing, that I may bud and bear the fruit of holiness, through the operation of thy gracious beams: Give me thy grace, that I fail not in my vocation, that I may do good, and eschew evil, and so make good that vow which I made unto thee in my Baptism. Save me from falling, and stay my feet from slipping, by thy holy word, which is the glass of thy will, that being guided over this mysty desert, I may arrive at the land of Promise, and palace of rest in a lively faith, through thy dear Son Jesus Christ, to whom be all honour and glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for the Church, and true
worship of God.*

O Most gracious God and loving Father, look in favour, I do beseech thee, upon the Church generally dispersed throughout

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throughout the whole world, and whom by
the malice of Satan, and tyranny of Anti-
christ, thou seest continually assailed with
many and great dangers. Be thou there-
fore, O Lord, a castle of defence, a buckler
and rock strong and forcible, to withstand
the force and fury of all adversaries that rise
up against it. And for the better comfort,
endue it with faith unfeigned, wherein it and
every member thereof, may safely run and
repair under the shadow of thy sacred wings,
whenever perils approach. Graciously
guide and govern it, by taking the defence
thereof into thine own hands to whom it spe-
cially and alone belongeth; and let it hold
fast the true course of professing and practising
thy true Religion, that the adversaries
thereof may have no cause to condemn it
through sin, which howsoever it may seem to
dwell in the most godly while we live here;
yet let us alwayes have an eye and diligent
watch over all our thoughts, words, and
works, that our light may shine to thy glo-
ry, our good, and example of others, in
peace and warr, in comfort and calamity,
and not to be dismayed at any noise and re-
port of the greatest danger whatsoever. Thou
art, O Lord my God, my only comfort and
riches, what am I, that I dare speak unto
thee?

thee? I am thy poor servant, yea, and much more poor and vile, than I either know, or dare shew forth: and yet Lord I remember this one thing, that I am nothing, that I have nothing, and that I am nothing worth: Thou alone art good, thou alone art righteous: thou alone art holy: thou knowest all, thou doest all, thou fillest all: only the wicked thou sendest empty away: remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and fill me with thy favour: thou wilt that none of thy works should serve in vain: for how can I stand upright in this wretched world, unless thy mercy and favour hold me up? turn not therefore thy cheerful countenance from thy servant, defer not to help me from day to day, withdraw not thy comfort, that my soul be not as the thirsty Land, but reach me to do thy will, for that thou O my God, art my wisdom, and knowest what is meet and convenient for me, to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all glory for ever. Amen.

Prayers for Sunday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy name for ever : dispose my heart, and open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

Ow long wilt thou forget me? O Lord, for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

For why, my trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

Therefore will I sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning, my reins also chasten me in the night season.

I have set God always before me, for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall. Where-

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoyced, my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why, thou shalt not leave my soul in Hell, neither shalt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the paths of life, in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my foot-steps slip not.

So shall he hear me out of his holy temple, and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

He shall send down from the height to fetch me, and shall take me out of many waters.

Thou shalt also light my candle, the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper, and praised be the God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Confession to God.

O Lord my God, and everlasting Father,
I do acknowledge and confess before
thy high and glorious Majesty, that I was
bred and born in sin and corruption: and
that since my birth I have not ceased, nor do
cease, daily to transgress thy holy command-
ments, in respect whereof I cannot escape
paine and destruction, according to thy
rightful justice: yet notwithstanding, for-
asmuch as I am sorry, that I have offended
thee my Lord and God, and do condemn
both my self and my sin, receive me to mercy
and as it hath pleased thee to love us, even
when we were thine enemies, and for assu-
ance thereof, to give unto us thine only
and welbeloved Son, to be a Mediator and
Advocate between thee and us, promising
us to obtain whatsoever we shall ask of thee
in his name: vouchsafe, O most loving God,
and dear Father, to pardon and forgive me
in his Name, and for his sake: and not only
to cleanse my heart from all vanity and un-
cleanness, but also to govern and guide me
by thy holy Spirit, in all my ways, that I
may live according to thy holy and heaven-
ly will, all the days of my life, to the glo-
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ry of thy Name, through the same thy welbelly,
beloved Son Jesus Christ, to whom witheth
thee and the Holy Ghost, be praise and glo
ry for ever, Amen.

A prayer against the temptations and malice of Satan.

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God
unto thee do we cry: protect and
strengthen us, O Lord, against the tempta
tions of Satan, which is the sworn and ex
tream enemy to our salvation, a slanderer
and our accuser, who rageth and rangeth
in a deadly hatred against thy flock, and by
all means seeketh the destruction of all man
kind, divers and sundry ways laying snare
to intrap us and our souls, prying for any
occasion whereby he may allure us unto
shameful offending: for as many corporal
affections as be in man, so many occasions
doth he take to tempt us, and thereby to
wound us: He layeth snares to take us in
wealth, in poverty, in pleasure, and in the
enticements of the flesh, in anguish of mind,
in ambition and desire of glory, in the wea
risonness of our calling and inferiour con
dition, in cares both for the back and the
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belly, and in lust of revenge, night and day :
 whether we sleep or wake, he is always a-
 bout to devour us, that our senses may be
 corrupted from the simplicity that we owe
 unto Christ, even as the Serpent deceived
 Eve by his subtilty ; Therefore, O thou
 Son of God, which art the blessed seed, brui-
 sing the head of the serpent, bring and
 bruise this mine enemy (Satan) under thy
 feet : Thou my chief Champion, which of
 thine own accord, enteredst into tempta-
 tion, that so thou mightest, as it were, hand
 to hand wrestle with this mine enemy, and
 purchase a triumph for me by thy victo-
 ry : hold him fast bound that he exercise not
 his cruelty upon me as he desireth, but
 make me partaker of thy victory : that even
 as thou hast in thy body overcome Satan, so
 utterly suppress him in me thy unworthy
 servant : And I beseech thee, O Lord, to
 give unto me thy whole armour, that I
 may, like a right good souldier, resist in
 the evil day, and vanquish this my strong
 enemy : gird me with the truth ; put upon
 me the brest-plate of righteousness, and let
 me be shod and prepared for the Gospel of
 peace ; and above all things give me the
 shield of faith, which can extinguish all the
 fiery darts of wicked spirits ; bestow upon
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me the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which the word of God, through thee I may encounter valiantly and gloriously attain the victory : And help my Spirit. Almighty God, comfort thee and strengthen my mind against so diverse conflicts of Satan, which beset me by many snares, and especially then most of all when I seek deliverance by other means than by thy word revealed : and grant, that learning thy word delivered unto me, I look not after new revelations, or violent ravishings but may resist the Devil by thy word and power during my whole life. O dear Father, to whom it is more easie to do all things then for me to think any good thing : Do thou but speak a word, and thy deadly sick servant (my soul) shall be made whole : Help me O Lord, for thy great mercies sake, for the truth sake, and for thy dear Son Jesus Christ sake, and let thy strength suffice against my weakness, and thy holy Spirit against my sinful Flesh an old man : Thou art faithful O Father, who hast promised that I shall not be tempted further then thou wilt make me able to bear : Give now therefore thy grace and strength unto thy servant, that I may live with a strong faith in thine infallible truth and promised mercy, vanquish and subdue

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whatsoever rebelleth against thy most blessed
will: preserve and keep holy my soul and
body, and let them not be defiled, and made
prisoners of wicked spirits, through delecta-
tion in sin. Shall now alas, the Devil, the
world, or the Flesh, pluck from thee, that
being that presently crieth to thee with assu-
red trust in thy promised help? Nay Father,
grant that I may by thy mighty power
turn all their crafts, deceits, and raging as-
saults unto the increase of my faith, and that
by experience of thy fatherly assistance, in
this my present temptation, I may with assu-
red hope and trust in thy ready help and
comfort, overcome my sad enemies hereafter
by like assaults, and praise thy holy Name for
thy victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord
and Saviour, to whom be all power, praise,
and glory for ever, world without end.
Amen.

*A Prayer for grace to do the will of
God.*

Most bountiful Father, extend thy fa-
vour towards me, and let it be with me,
and labour with me, unto the end; and
give me thy grace to wish and to cover those
things as may be grateful to thee, and ac-
ceptable

ceptable in thy sight, let thy will be mine
and let me always follow thine, and agree
therewith: Grant that I may like and mislike
that which thou dost, and never like
or mislike any thing but that which thou
dost like or mislike. Assist me, O Lord,
crucifie my self to all worldly things:
make me free from wicked affections of the mine
and heal my soul of all unbridled desires
and sins; that being inwardly healed, and
purged thoroughly, I may be made fit for
love, strong to suffer, and constantly to con-
tinue: And above all things, grant that I
may rest and have peace in thee, for thou
art the true peace, thou art alone the quiet-
ness of mind, and without thee all things
are hard and troublesome; In this peace
that is in thee alone which art the chief
and everlasting felicity, I will repose my
self both now and for ever, and constantly
persevere and continue in the same through
Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen

*A Prayer not to distrust the
mercies of God.*

THy mercy, O Lord my God, endureth
for ever, and thy loving kindness to-
wards thy Child: I am not able to be utter-
ed; the truth of thy promise never faileth
mine Elect: Thou hast made calm the trou-
bled waves of wavering thoughts which o-
verwhelm my soul, and brought me to the
quiet Haven of thy merciful protection and
defence, and hast delivered mine eyes from
tears, and my feet from falling, and my heart
from distrust: O Lord my God and loving
Father, let this thy great mercy and loving
kindness shewed upon me, never depart out
of my mind and heart, but that I may be
thereof continually mindful all the dayes of
my life: And for these thy unseparable mer-
cies towards me, grant good Lord, that I
may have a thankful heart to render due ho-
nour, praise, and thanksgiving unto thy
Majesty: acknowledging from the bottom of
my heart, thy wonderful works in me: And
that I may hereof be more assured, I beseech
the good Lord, that as thou hast begun to
deliver me, so I may feel more and more
daily thy good will and mercy towards me,
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increase in me true understanding of thy heavenly will, and thy blessed Word : strengthen my faith in thy loving promises that I may be assured of thy protection, and mine election and salvation : Make me daily more and more to love thee, my dear Father and God, unfainedly, for all thy goodness shewed unto me, to have my full delight and joy in thee, & walk before thee in sincerity of heart and godly conversation : that I may here on earth glorify thy Name ; and after this life with all thy faithful flock, possess that everlasting inheritance, which thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord hath purchased ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be alwayes bent to heavenly things.

O I would to God, that that day might once shine, in the which I might see my Redeemer, and all these temporal daies would end ! for the dayes of this world are few and short, full of evil and sorrow, where man is defiled with many sins, oppress'd with griefs and cares, disturbed with thoughts, wrapped in vanities, compassed with errours, molested with temptation, drowned in sensuality, and crucified

crucified with Poverty : O when shall there
be an end of these manifold and miserable la-
bours ? when shall I be delivered from the
miserable bondage of wickedness ? when shall
I only remember thee, O Lord ? when shall I
fully & perfectly rejoice in thee ? when shall
I be out of all danger, and delivered from all
grief of body and soul, and come to true li-
berty ? when shall I rest in that quiet, secure,
and undisturbed Peace, where peace is both
within and without in all things ? O Lord Je-
sus, when shall I see thee, and behold the
glory of thy Kingdome, which thou hast
prepared for thine Elect from the beginning ?
I do wish to be joined to heavenly things, but
temporal Pleasure, and mortal Passions,
keepeth me back from them ; In mind I
would fain vanquish all wickedness and vice,
but yet I am constrained to be subject to the
froward flesh, and I unhappy wretch am at
controversie with my self : for whilst my soul
aspireth upward, my flesh draweth down-
ward : O what passions do I inwardly suffer ?
For when my soul beginneth to contemplate
heavenly things, then presently heaps of
carnal thoughts withdraw me from Prayer.
O my God do not linger from me ! depart
not in anger from thy servant : Thunder
forth thy lightning-bolts, and disperse my
worldly

worldly thoughts abroad, and drive away
 a'l the temptations of mine enemy : Turn
 my senses unto thee, O my dear Father
 and make me to forget all earthly things.
 Grant that I may cast off all sinful thoughts
 and fantasies : O eternal verity succour me
 to the end, that no vanity do tempt or re-
 move me from thee : O heavenly Father
 he'p me ! for all vanity and impureness
 melteth before thy face, which livest and
 raignest ever one God, in power and glory
 world without end. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Eternal God, and merciful Father
 hear my voyce, and listen to my pray-
 ers, and forgive all my sins which this day
 I have done in the sight of thee, and be not
 angry with thy servant for ever, but listen
 unto thine only begotten Son, which mak-
 eth intercession to thee for me, for his sake
 hear me, and have mercy upon me : de-
 fend me this night (of thy merciful good-
 ness) from unclean and troublesome spirits
 and from the snares and illusions of the
 Devil : preserve me from all dangers, and
 save my body and soul from destruction,
 and grant that this night, I may sleep qui-
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edly without grief or trouble, that in darkness I may behold with the eyes of my heart the light of thy countenance shining upon me; for in thee alone do I trust; Thou art my Lord and God into thy hands I commend my soul and body now and ever: Therefore O Lord, let thy unspeakable mercy preserve me, thy endless sweetness rejoyce me, thy heavenly truth strengthen me, thy knowledge embrace me, and thy goodness keep me, now and evermore. Amen.

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Prayers for Munday morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father
 blessed be thy Name for ever : de-
 spose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy
 holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

Help me, O God of my salvation,
 for the glory of thy name, O
 deliver me, and be merciful unto
 my sin, for thy Names sake.

O remember not mine old sins, but have mer-
 cy upon me, and that soon : for I am come to
 great misery.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter
 into the courts of the Lord, my heart and
 my flesh rejoyceth in the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house
 they will be alwayes praising thee.

Preserve thou my soul therefore O my
 God, and save thy servant that puts his
 trust in thee.

O comfort the soul of thy servant, for
 unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou Lord art good and gracious, and

of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

And blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, and in whose heart are thy wayes.

O Lord, I have cried day and night before thee, O let my prayer enter into thy Presence: incline thine ear to my calling.

And be merciful unto me, O Lord, for I will call daily upon thee, for thou doest wondrous things, thou art God alone.

O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the Son of thine handmaid.

Shew some good token upon me for good that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord hast holpen me and comforted me,

O Satisfie me with thy mercy, and thar, soon, so shall I rejoyce and be glad all the dayes of my life.

Shew thy servants thy work, and thy children thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord my God be upon me: prosper thou the work of my hands upon me, O Prosper thou my handy work.

A Morning Prayer.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, from which gavest the children of Israel in charge, to offer a daily Morning and Evening sacrifice unto thee, that thereby they may glorifie and thank thee for the benefit of their protection both night and day: reme-
 ceive of me, O Lord, the calves of my lips, which I lay upon thine Altar, being my morning sacrifice of thanksgiving unto thee. I glorifie thee O eternal God, for thou hast broken the bands wherewith I was tyed this night, by reason of the mist of darkness and hast delivered me from the shadow of death, by bringing me safe and sound to the beginning of this day: wherefore I will praise thy Name, and magnifie thee for ever. O my Lord continue thy goodness towards me this day, and grant that all my prayers and works may both begin and end in thee: vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me this day without sin, and fill me in this present hour with thy favour and grace, that all this day and ever I may rejoyce and delight in thy praises: Grant merciful God, that descending into my soul, I may reprehend and condemn mine own spots and vices within me:

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Munday Morning.

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Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips; and
save me from a deceitful tongue: keep me,
O Lord from the edge of the sword, from
sudden death, from the infectious pestilence,
from mortal sickness, and deadly vexation.
O Almighty sanctifier, both within and with-
out, keep me this day from danger of blood-
thirsty men whose feet are swift to shed blood.
For into thy hands this day and ever I com-
mend my spirit; and that I may watch upon
thee my Maker both night and day, beseech-
ing thee to protect me in the day of my
trouble, that the enemy have no advantage
of me: and grant, O Lord that if in thy justice
from punishment of my sin, or of thy gra-
cious favour for tryal of my faith, and ex-
ercise of my patience, thou suffer me to fall
into any distress or danger: to give me I
beseech thee a contented mind, to yield to
thy good pleasure, and assured hope and be-
lief, as all things are wrought to thy glory
so they may work for the best unto me as
one that loveth thee: Grant this, O most
merciful Father; To whom with thy Son,
and the Holy-Ghost, be all honour and glo-
ry, for ever and ever. Amen.

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A prayer for the forgiveness of sins.

O God, the God of my salvation, I do here acknowledge my sins unto thee, and mine iniquities I have not hid: Wherefore, O my God, turn thy face towards me and let thy loving mercy ever more and more extend unto me; for I am miserable, sinful, and poor, and I come unto thee the fountain of all help. Forgive my sins, wash me and I shall be whiter than Snow: let me taste of thy old loving kindneses that have been ever of old, ready to forgive, and to embrace them that turn from their evil ways, as appeareth by *David, Peter*, and many others, who repenting of their sins, found favour: Wherefore have mercy upon me O God, have mercy upon me: and according to the multitude of thy compassions, do away mine iniquities: O cleanse me from my secret sins; and cover my known sins with the righteousness of thy Son Jesus Christ: remove mine iniquities far away from thee, and be not angry with thy servant for ever: O enter not into judgement with thy servant; for if no flesh before thee be justified, what shall become

come of me who have so highly offended;
Lord my God, full of mercy and pitty, I
appeal unto thee, I flee unto thee, I rest up-
on thee: leave thy displeasure against me;
and how weak soever and unable I am to stand
in thy presence; yet let thy spirit of strength
hold me up, and say unto me, fear not, for
my grace is sufficient for thee. I take upon
thy love, I rest upon thy favour in Christ,
reject me not though there be no good in me:
Pour down that absolute good thing, even
thy Grace, and let it direct to amendment of
life. thou hast said, that thou art well pleas-
ed in Christ thy Son, in him be thou also
pleased with me, and receive me again into
thy love, through his merits, by whom eve-
ry sinner receiveth free access unto thee: and
although I for my part, most loving Lord,
am a vessel full of many faults and enormities;
yet dear Father have mercy upon me, and
cast me not from thy presence, but rather
renew me again with a new spirit, and a live-
ly feeling of thy will, and ableness to do
thereafter, that I may fill up the residue of
my days in sincerity, holiness, and righteous-
ness, and in the due service of thee; that
from henceforth, in stead of straying from
thee, I may dwell and be shrowded under the
shadow of thy wings: and that instead of sin
which

which hath miscarried me, I may embrace
 Piety, Godlyness, and true Zeal: and instead
 of ignorance, whereby I have so long gone
 astray, I may take hold of thy saving truth
 that it may be a lanthorn unto my feet, and as
 light unto my paths, that I may rest safe in
 thee through a lively faith that never decay
 eth: and here I wait for thy loving kindness
 and mercy, O Lord, promised in Christ, in
 whom I am bold with deep sighs of heart, to
 cry, and say, Lord forgive mine offences, co-
 ver my sins, and lay not my former evils to
 my charge: And for the better performance
 of this my duty unto thee, from henceforth
 (good Lord) quench all the corrupt motions
 of my mind, striving with thy divine plea-
 sure; that being thus inwardly renewed in
 my mind, and reformed in my conversation,
 I may serve thee with gladness, through Jesus
 Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all
 glory and honour for ever and ever. Amen

*A Prayer for knowledge to do the
 will of God.*

O Lord God and heavenly Father, the
 God of all wisdom, and understand-
 ing, I acknowledge, that by thy just sentence
 in the general corruption, which I have
 drawn

bracedrawn from *Adams* loyns, I am deprived of
insteadall spiritual wisdom, and knowledge of thee,
goneand thy will, and that there is nothing in
truthman, but blockish and beastly ignorance, such
and as springeth from infidelity and is most con-
fessary to thy will: There is none that under-
standeth, there is none that seeketh God: O
merciful Lord, have mercy upon me, most miserable and
wretched, vile wretch, and open mine eyes that I may see
the mysteries of thy profound and excellent
truth; increase, O Lord, all holy desires in
me, to attain the knowledge of thy will; let
my whole delight be in it to meditate therein
day and night, that it may be more precious
unto me than Gold and Silver, many times fin-
eared. Further, howsoever thy graces and gifts, O
merciful Lord, are to be acknowledged in men; yet
because thy good pleasure is so, that all men
should carry the scars of ignorance and in-
firmity: draw in my whole delight, I be-
seech thee, and kindle all my affections, to
the love of thy Law and Testimonies, and to
those Scriptures that were written and indited
by thine own self, and thy spirit; for those,
good Lord contain thy whole will in that
everlasting Covenant that thou hast stricken
with thy Saints: This O Lord, is that wel-
spring of wisdom and grace that shall make
us wise before thee, howsoever the world

Condemn it of madnes and folly : Teach thou
 me, O Lord, and I shall be taught : open
 thou mine eyes that I may see the excellent
 things of thy Law : reform my heart, that
 self love and vain glory may be quite van-
 quished and slain in me, that I may only
 before thine eyes thy glory : O gracious God
 spoil this power of Satan in me, that by thee
 means thy good gifts of knowledge and wis-
 dom be not abused against thee, thy Gospele
 and Glory : that I be not carried through
 emulation, spite, or envy of any mans crea-
 ture or gifts, to set my self against thy truth ; but
 give me true humility, that, above all things,
 I may rejoyce in the advancement and praise
 of thy Name, whether it be with my hono-
 ur or shame, with my peace or trouble, with a
 good report, or evil report : I know, O Lord
 that true wisdom is from thee alone, and that
 thou hast so ordained thy servants in so gra-
 cious a dispensation of thy gifts, that they who
 have the greatest need of theirs that are the
 least ; the greatest Master-builders, of them
 that are but labourers, and basket-bea-
 rers in thy Church : The unity of the Holy
 Spirit, and the bond of peace, knit us fast
 together, and hold us in, to reverence each
 other, and to be at one in thy work : O knit
 our hearts together, that we may all seek thy

to thy eternal praise; to whom only be-
 longeth Renown, Glory and Honour, for
 ever, &c.

A fruitful Prayer to God.

A Almighty and eternal God, my Creator
 and lover, I praise, adore and bless
 thee: for that in my offences and ungrateful-
 ness, thou hast so mercifully and leisurably
 forgiven and suffered me to live even to this
 hour, whereunto thou by thy benefits hast
 brought me, giving unto me thy wretched
 servant, life and necessities thereunto belong-
 ing, appointing Angels to be my keepers:
 O my good God, who knoweth whether till
 evening my life shall be prolonged, or what
 width is appointed for me: O merciful God
 our heavenly Father, grant that I may with
 hearty repentance truly repent my sins, and
 sorrowfully bewail, that ever I offended thy
 Majesty: suffer not my soul to depart
 from this body, before it be (through thy mercy)
 perfectly reconciled unto thee by grace, and
 be deckt with thy merits and vertues: O mer-
 ciful Saviour, if these things I desire, stand
 with thy pleasure and will, grant them I be-
 seech thee, although I be not worthy to be
 heard: And in thy mercy, grant, that by
 thy merits, of thy passion, I may be purged
 from

from all my sins; and that at the hour of my death, I may be stricken with true and vehement contrition, and being knit with thee by perfect charity, I may immediately flee unto thee my sweet Redeemer, safely from all damnation, desiring this one thing at thy hands, that thou wilt remember my fragility, unworthiness, unstableness, and misericord together with thine own goodness and merciful charitable mercy, praying thee never to forsake me, or leave me, but that thou wilt always possess and govern me, according to thy will, to whom be all glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to be restored to Gods
favour.*

O Almighty and everlasting God, all in Father, which hast made Heaven and Earth, and all things therein contained! O incomprehensible unity! O always to be worshipped most blessed Trinity! I humbly beseech thee, and pray thee, by the assumption and crucified humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that thou wouldst drive from me all kind of wickedness and sin, creating in me a clean heart, and a right spirit: O Lord Jesus, I beseech thy goodness, for the increase

...ding great love which drew thee out of
 ...y fathers bosom, in thy womb of thy holy
 ...rgin, and for the assumption of mans na-
 ...re, wherein it pleased thee to save me, and
 ...deliver me from eternal death; That thou
 ...ouldst draw me out of my self into thee my
 ...ricord God: And grant that this my love may
 ...cover again to me, thy grace to increase and
 ...make perfect in me that which is wanting, to
 ...raise up in me that is fallen, to restore to me
 ...at which I have lost, and to quicken in me
 ...at which is dead and should live: That so I
 ...ay become conformable unto thee in all my
 ...fe and conversation, thou dwelling in me,
 ...nd I in thee, my heart being suppled with thy
 ...grace, and settled in thy faith for ever: O my
 ...God, loose and set at liberty my Spirit from
 ...all inferiour things: govern my soul, and so
 ...work, that both in soul and body, I may be
 ...loly, and live to thy glory, world without
 ...end. Amen.

*A Prayer to Christ to rest in his
 love.*

O My most loving Saviour, I have chosen
 thee, I wish and look for thee, I run to
 meet thee, and I do renounce all things that
 are not of thee: whatsoever thou wilt I will,
 and

and whatsoever thou wilt not, I forsake thee
utterly detest in my heart: and whatsoever thou
shall hereafter happen unto me contrary which
this present choice of my mind, not to impute
the same unto me, but according to this choice
of my soul judgeme: For all things which, which
I ought not to do, I utterly forsake them
and if at any time hereafter I shall chance by, with
any sinister occasion to agree to any thing
that may be cause to withdraw thy mercy
from me, I do now at this present hour ut
terly detest them: And here, O my sweet
Saviour and Redeemer, if it please thee, o
stand with thy glory, grant I beseech thee
this my present life, that I may be delivered
and preserved from all offences wherein
have offended, and from all the pains where
unto deservedly I ought to come after my
death; and that thou wilt with the hands of
thy mercy immediately after this life, re
ceive my soul into everlasting joy and felici
ty, there to reign with thee for ever, *Amen.*

A Prayer to God to grant our Petitions.

O Christ, which art the strength of the
weak, and the salvation of all believers
and an aider of the oppressed: yea, our life
and safeguard in the peril of death, I be
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beseech thee, that pittying mine Afflictions,
 thou wilt vouchsafe to grant me my petitions
 which at this time I have asked at thy hands;
 that I shall I serve thee here in the Kingdom of
 grace, and hereafter in thy Kingdom of glo-
 ry, where I beseech thee: O Lord, that I
 may have a place to dwell with thee eternal-
 ly, which livest with God the Father, and the
 holy Ghost everlastingly, to whom be praise
 and glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Prayers for Munday night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy
 name for ever: dispose my heart, and
 my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

MY Song shall be of mercy and Judge-
 ment: Unto thee O Lord, will I sing.
 O let me have understanding in the way of
 godliness.

When wilt thou come unto me? I will
 walk in my house with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate
 the sins of unfaithfulness; there shall no such
 thing leave unto me.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry-
 ing come unto thee. Hide

Hide not thy face from me in the time
my trouble, incline thine ears unto me
when I call, O hear me and that right soon.

My dayes are gone like a shadow, and
am withered like grasse.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever, and
thy remembrance throughout all generations.

And I said, O my God, take me not away
in the midst of mine age: As for thy years
they endure throughout all generations.

Praise the Lord O my Soul, and all that
within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and for
not all his benefits.

Which forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth
thine infirmity.

Which saveth thy life from destruction
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving
kindness.

He will not alwayes be chiding, neither
keepeth he his anger for ever.

For look how high the Heaven is in com-
parison of the earth, so great is his mercy
so towards them that fear him. *Glory be
to the Father, &c.*

Confession

Confession to God the Father.

O Lord Almighty, the God of our Father,
and Lord of mercy, which hast made
heaven and Earth, with all their Ornaments,
which hast bound the Sea by the Word of
thy Commandment, which hast shut up the
deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glori-
ous Name, who all do fear and tremble
before thy power, for the Majesty of thy glo-
ry cannot be born, and thy angry threatnings
towards sinners is importable; but thy mer-
ciful promises are unmeasurable, and un-
searchable, for thou art the Lord God most
high above all the earth, long suffering and
most merciful, and sorry for the malice of
sinners; and thou, O Lord, according to thy
great goodness, and of thine infinite mercies,
hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that
they might be saved. Therefore thou, O
Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not
appointed Repentance to those which stand
to justify themselves in thy sight; but thou
hast appointed repentance unto me that am a
sinner; for I have sinned, O Lord, I have sin-
ned above the number of the sands of the
Sea: my transgressions, O Lord, my trans-
gressions are multiplied, and are exceeding
many

many, so as I am not worthy to behold, at
lift up mine eyes unto the Heavens, for
multitude of my unrighteousness. I have
provoked thine anger, O Lord, and done
evil before thee, in committing abominations,
and multiplying of offences: now therefore
I bow the knees of my heart, beseech thee
for grace: I have sinned, O Lord, I have
sinned, and I acknowledge my wickedness,
desiring thee by prayer to forgive me:
Lord forgive me, and destroy me not with
mine iniquities, neither do thou alwayes
remember mine evils to punish them, but
me that am unworthy, according to thy
mercies: And I most humbly beseech thee
O Lord, not to suffer my soul to perish,
which thou hast bought so dearly with thy
most precious blood, and make me poor
in spirit and low of heart, submitting me wholly
into thy hands; so as my desire and
delight may be alwayes to thy will and pleasure,
which is alwayes good and godly: and
grant my poor soul rest in thee; for thou hast
said, *They shall never be confounded that
trust in thee*: which trust, good Lord,
grant me never to forsake for any vain
temptation or tribulation, that may happen
to vex my soul; but grant me thy holy Spirit
to comfort and defend me from all things

old, that should procure thy displeasure : thou
 for that art in Trinity one God and Lord over all,
 I have ear to my Prayer, and pardon all my sins;
 and do shall I praise thee for ever and ever all the
 mims of my life, through Jesus Christ my
 the Lord and Saviour, to whom be glory for
 ever. Amen.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O Jesus, thou Son of God, have mercy
 upon me, and forgive the great offences
 which I have done in the sight of thee this
 day : and give me grace, O Lord, for the
 love of thee, to despise sin and worldly vani-
 ties. O Jesus help me to overcome the temp-
 tations of sin, and the malice of my spiritual
 enemy, and strengthen my soul and body to
 exercise the works of virtue, whereby I may
 come to thy everlasting joy and felici-
 ty.

Grant me a fast purpose, O merciful Jesus,
 to amend my life, and to remove the sins of
 my youth far from me ; Jesus lighten me
 with Ghostly Wisdom for to know thy good-
 ness, and those things which are most accepta-
 ble unto thee ; and give me grace to give
 good and profitable example, that none may
 be hurt by me ; make me to proceed from
 virtue

virtue to virtue, until I be grown a perfect man in thee. Let me not return to thy sins which by my confession have accused me, and with sorrow have oppressed me. The horrible sentence of endless death, terrible judgment of damnation; thy wrath, ire, and indignation, merciful Lord, let never fall upon me: Jesus give me grace to shun evil company; and when I come among them, I beseech thee to preserve me, that the occasion of sin overcome me: keep my mouth, O Lord, from slanderous speaking, lying, false witness bearing, cursing, swearing, charitable chiding, dissolute laughing, words of vanity. O sweet Jesus make me perseverant in the blessed service of thee, in holy exercises, and vertuous meditation. Lord keep my soul and body, and make me to slay all sinful delectation, and patient to suffer injuries and rebukes, in following thine own most holy and blessed example. Provide, good Lord, that life for me which thou knowest most for thine honour, and comfortable stay in thee; Jesus grant me specially in the time of Prayer, to fix my mind on thee, and thou to remember my wretchedness. The blood that ran from thy blessed heart, wash my soul from all sin and iniquity, and purchase to me thy grace, faith,

faithfully to serve thee, O my Lord God,
my might, my life, my light, lead me and
feed me in this mortality, and at the hour
of death, when I shall be accused before
thee, have mercy upon me, break my frow-
ard heart, and make it obedient unto thee.
From sudden and unprovided death, good
Lord deliver me, by the virtue of thy most
excellent and glorious Divinity; by the vir-
tue of thine incarnation, and by the merits
of thy passion and resurrection: grant me
these supplications which I have made to
thee, and by thy own and only mediation,
purchase for me a gracious life, and a bless-
ed ending; and after my bodily death, give
me everlasting life with endless bliss, that I
may reign with thee for ever and ever.
In the world to come *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the attaining of a free
and quiet mind.*

O Most gracious and merciful God, keep
me, I beseech thee, from the cares of
this world, that I be never too much intan-
gled therein, by reason of the manifold
things which this body needeth: nor taken
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with the vain delight of that which doth hurt
the soul ; nor finally broken and overthrow
with sorrow : I say not from those things
which the vain world doth greedily hunt
after , but from those miseries which sup-
press the mind of thy servant, by a common
and penal course of mortality, and so with-
draw me, that I cannot enter into the free-
dom of thy Spirit : O my God, which a
sweetness unspeakable, make all fleshly joy
which withdraweth me from the love of
eternal things, to be grievous and odious
unto me : Let not flesh and blood, O my
God, let not flesh and blood overcome me
let not the World, and the vain glory thereof
deceive me ; nor Satan with his subtilty
supplant me : give me strength to resist
patience to endure, and constancy to perse-
vere unto the end. Grant me, for the
comfort of thy *Word*, the most comfortable
Oyntment of the Holy Ghost : and for the
lust of the flesh, pour on me the love of thy
Name. The very meat, drink, and apparel
with other things necessary for the nourish-
ment of the body, are even *burthensome*
a *feruent spirit* : but grant, O Lord, that
I may use those things moderately, and ne-
ver be snared with an over greedy desire
them : all things are now to be rejected,

their nature would decay : Again, to cover superfluous and every pleasing thing, thy sacred Commandments do forbid ; for the flesh would insult over the spirit : Wherefore between these things, let thy hand direct me, O Lord, and teach me to do nothing out of measure. Grant this, O most merciful Father, to whom with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory. Amen.

A Prayer for Hope.

O Eternal Father, the Authour & giver of all Hope and Comfort, I beseech thee to fill me with all joy and peace, in believing, that I may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost ; and above hope in hope believing, may never doubt of thy promises, but in a sure confidence of heart apply to my self the remission of my sins, and believe verily that I please thee in Jesus Christ, looking in a certain and strong hope, for the salvation of my soul in the life to come. And albeit the helps and happiness of this present world appear not unto me ; yet I beseech thee, O Lord, let me retain a stedfast hope among all the terrors of conscience, and never suffer the same

to be taken away from me by any snare of Satan. O thou only begotten Son of God, which hast loved me, and given me everlasting comfort in hope through grace: comfort my heart, and establish my heart in every word and good work; that I stick not uncertain, neither be tossed between hope and fear; but may hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of hope unto the end: and assist me, O my God and Father, I beseech thee, that in all the ways of temptation and troubles in this world, I may patiently depend on thee, looking for corporal deliverance according to thy will: and though troubles come not as I wish, but be kept from me for a season, yet let me never doubt of thine aid and deliverance, but hope that coming it will come: and I beseech thee, O Lord, to grant me thy grace; that having this hope, I may purge my self from all offensive things to thee, and serve thee most loving God, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer against the power
of Satan.*

O Lord my God, how do we dai'y pass the limits of thy will? we sin at least even times a day, and pledge Mother *Eva* in the dregs of nature: This is the frailty of the flesh, and this is the weakness of all *Adams* issue: a miserable case, O Lord, unless in thy mercy thou wilt wrap us, and cover us with the white rayment of grace; that we being thine, may never despair for any bront of storming Satan, be it never so perillous. O Lord save me, in thy mercy behold me, have pity and compassion upon me, and mark not my steps that are crooked; but cast the eye of thy favour upon thy Son Christ, who was content to suffer the bleeding pains of the Cross, to satisfie thy wrath, and to deliver us from the sting of a he'llish conscience: wherefore I beseech thee O Lord, and most dear Saviour, not to observe mine iniquities; but to wash me from the guiltiness of sin, in the flood of thy mercies, and so to save me, that being dead in iniquity, and yet saved of thine infinite pity, I may give all glory unto thee, and sing with our mother the Church, that Salvation belong-

eth unto thee (O Lord) to whom be praise
and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for the desire of a
godly life.*

O My Lord God, how happy were I,
I might never hereafter in thought
word, or deed, commit the thing that should
displease thy divine Majesty. That life is the
longing of my soul, and the substance of my
wish, and the effect of my desire; my heart
coveteth to see that blessed time, and my
joys, then should be such as no mortal man
can tell. Truly, Lord, I know thee
with the Son and the Holy Ghost, is the
true perfection of eternal life, the end of
blessedness, and the summ of all delight.
No eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor
hath it pressed into the depth of any man's
understanding, to value the inestimable cha-
rity, delectation, and pleasure, of the sa-
cred felicity; when we shall behold the Majesty
God face to face.

And verily most glorious God, I have
reposed this hope in my heart, and do assure
my self, through faith in thee, that the
eyes wherewith I read these lines shall see thy
glory; and this flesh wherewith I am clothed

in corruption, and noursled in mortality,
shall be a member of that immortal King-
dom: Unto the which, Lord at thy appoint-
ed pleasure bring me; to whom with the
Son and the Holy Ghost, be all power and
glory, for ever and for ever. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.


Omnipotent and eternal God, Father,
Son and Holy Ghost, three in persons
and one in substance, and from everlasting:
extol thy sacred Majesty, I praise thy un-
speakable mercy, thy divine truth I magni-
fy; for that of thy fatherly goodness, thou
hast graciously heard me at this time, gi-
ving me a penitent heart modestly to utter the
same: Therefore will I praise thee for this
and all other thy goodness this evening;
and going to rest, I will give thee thanks,
because thou hast kept me this day of thine
only mercy, without any merit of mine,
from all danger both in soul and body.
O Christ and King of glory, I beseech
thee bless and defend me this night; let
my rest be in thee, and grant me thy
grace, that neither much sleep overwhelm
me, nor Satan invade me, nor the flesh
betray me unto him. Let mine eyes sleep,

but let my heart wake : O Lord light
mine eyes that I sleep not in death, let
the subtil temper overtake me, and I slee
a continual and perpetual sleep, and awa
no more : For thou art my e-erlasting
helper. Keep me as the *apple of thine eye*
hide me under the shadow of thy *sacred*
wings (G Lord) that neither ugly vision^{my}
nor horrible dreams, nor sights, nor mon^{ly}
strous apparitions trouble me in the dark
In thy Name, O *Jesús*, will I go to re
this night; give sleep unto mine eyes, and
slumber to mine eye-lids; compass me
about, and raise me again to the joyfu
sight of to-morrow light; and after thi
my miserable life, bring me to the be
holding of eternal happiness, that in thy
light I may see light, and evermore praise
thee for ever. *Amen*

Prayers for Tuesday.
Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father,
blessed by thy Name for ever: dispose
my heart, open my lips, and me thine ho-
ly Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

 God, my heart is ready, my
heart is ready; O Lord, I
will sing and give praise with
the best member I have.

I will sing and give thanks
unto thee, O Lord, among the people, and
I will sing praises unto thee among the
Nations.

For thy mercies are greater than the
Heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the
Clouds.

Set up thy self therefore, O God, above
the heavens, and thy glory above all the
earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: let
thy right hand save me, and hear thou me.

O help me against mine enemy, for vain is
the help of man. D 5 Through

Through God I shall do great acts, and
is he that shall tread down mine enemies.

And deal thou with me O Lord God, ac-
cording to thy name, for sweet is thy mer-
cy.

Then will I give thanks unto thee, O
Lord, with my whole heart secretly among
the faithful, and in the Congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought
out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be prayed and
had in honour, and his righteousness endu-
reth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath
done his marvellous works, that they ought
to be had in remembrance.

The works of his hands are verity and
judgement, all his Commandments are true.

He sent Redemption unto his people, he
hath commanded his Covenant for ever
holy and reverent is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom; a good understanding have all
they that do thereafter; the praise of it en-
dureth for ever. *Glory be to, &c.*

A Morning Prayer.

Blessed be my Lord God which doth wondrous things; and blessed be the Name of his Majesty for evermore; which hath set the Sun to lighten the day, and ordained the Moon and the Stars to govern the night. O most high God, which by thy unspeakable wisdom hast distinguished the day from the night; and hast so decreed, that while the World shall last, this course of times and days shall never have end, so that man in the night may rest, and in the day labour until the evening; for these and all other thy benefits I praise thy name, and give thanks unto thee for thy great glory. O God, the guider of my life, forsake me not; turn from me the filthiness of desire; remove from my heart all concupiscence, and take from thy servant too over-bold a stomach: suffer me not to run headlong into riotousness; let not unlawful love overcome me, and give not thy servant over into an impudent mind. Turn mine eyes that they behold no vanity; strengthen me in thy way, and grant that mine offences in this world overcome me not: And I beseech thee, O Lord, with a most ardent affection, that this

This day and ever thou wilt keep me and all mine; and that thou wilt be unto me a mighty Protector, firmament of strength, a covering against heat, a shadow at noon-tide, a defence from falling, an assister from offending, a comforter of my soul, a lightener of my mind, a giver of health and happiness in Christ Jesus my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all glory, honour and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Confession to God.

O Lord, I am unworthy thy comfort or any spiritual consolation, by reason of my sins: that which I deserve is punishment, because I have so often offended thee and in so many things so grievously sinned. And yet, O gracious and merciful God, who wilt not that thy works should perish, to declare the riches of thy goodness upon the vessels of thy mercy, far beyond the manner of men. But what have I done, O Lord, that thou shouldst impart upon me any spiritual comfort at all? truly I have done no good, but always have been prone unto sin, and slow to repent: and this is so true, as if I should deny it, both thou wilt find me guilty and no man durst stand up to

excuse me; and therefore, O most dear Father, I do confess that I am worthy all reproach and contempt, and most unworthy to live among thy Sons & Servants: yea, and because it is true, I will yet confess against my wickedness, that so the sooner I may obtain mercy at thy hands. But what shall I (wretch that I am) say, being full of all manner of shame and infamy? what shall I say? nothing but this: I have sinned, Lord I have sinned, take mercy on me, forgive me, suffer me yet a while to bewail my wretchednes before I pass over into the Land of promise, covered with the shadow of death; for what dost thou else of a guilty and miserable man require, but that he afflict and humb'e himself for his sins; from a true repentance and humbling of the mind ariseth hope of pardon, the troubled conscience is relieved, the favour of God which was lost is recovered, & man is preserved from the vengeance to come; and with a holy kiss, both God and the sorrowful soul do meet together: with the which work of true repentance endue me good Lord, that I may do thy sacred will in this life, and in the end enjoy the everlasting happiness in the world to come, through Jesus Christ my Saviour;

Saviour ; to whom be all glory , power
and might , for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for true Repentance to be
purged of sin.*

O Lord my God , what do I daily , but
wander in the field of vanity ? what
is my heart but a filthy prison of corrupt
thoughts ? what is my mouth ; but a
stinking channel of vain words ? what are
my feet , but chariots to bloodshed ? what
are my hands but battlers with charity
what is my head , but a castle of wicked
devices ? and what is my life , but a fardel
of iniquity ? I am nothing better than a dead
tree , the root is perished , the bough with-
thered , being good for nothing but for the
fury of the flame : what then , good Lord
shall it be so ? what , shall I burn , sweet
Jesus ? O save me for thy Names sake , and
quicken me , create a new heart within me
ingraft me in the true Olive ; purge me
that I may bring forth much fruit , and
ever flourish , like a tree planted by a river
side. O pour the oyl of grace into my de-
filed heart , and season it with the salt of thy
mercy , lest the fume of mine iniquities
ascend up to thy nostrils , and provoke thy
fury against me. Pour down some drops

thy precious blood from the clouds of thy mercy, to quench out the angry flame of sin, which of my self I am not able to put out by the virtuous water of any merit : O Lamb of God , let me eat thy flesh and drink thy blood, that I may live by thee , and cloath me in the wool of thy mercy, that no winter or storm of sin do pinch my silly soul. Thou , O God , art full of compassion & long-suffering, which continuest thy mercy for thousands , taking away iniquities, sins and offences. Thou callest us after thy wonted mercy, by thy Word, to repentance and hearty conversion; for unto all and every one is repentance and forgiveness of sins preached in thy Name ; therefore unto thee, O most merciful Father, do I cry, desiring thee to look back upon me thy unworthy servant, with the eyes of pitty, even as thou lookedst back upon the sinful woman in the banquet : likewise favour thou me, O Lord, as thou didst the Publican, who standing afar off, smote his breast, and said, *Lord be merciful unto me a sinner* : and grant, O Lord, that among the fears and terrours of conscience, I may take hold of thee by a lively faith, and never in the sight of conscience do yield my self, and despair ; but upholden

den by the voice of the Gospel, I may
 unto thee my Redeemer, and have by faith
 peace with God. And thou my Saviour
 which hast suffered for me in the flesh, give
 me grace, that likewise in the same mind
 may be armed for the mortifying of my
 flesh; that henceforth I may live not after
 the lusts of men, but after the will of God
 and keep the Devil under (O Lord) that
 he compel not my troubled conscience
 to despair, either by heaping and ripping up
 of mine offences, or extenuating thy mercy
 and grant that I may come unto thee by
 hearing thy Word, unto Repentance, that
 thereby the Angels in Heaven may con-
 tinually have occasion to rejoyce before thee
 which livest and reignest ever one God
 world without end.

*A Prayer for the Aid of Gods holy
 Spirit.*

O Dear Father, forasmuch as every
 man living is of himself before thee
 but as a beast, neither knowing thee, nor
 the things concerning their duties unto thee
 I as one of the most perverse, filthy and
 corrupt, do here humble my self before
 thee, begging at thy hands, that thou ha-
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promised to give unto as many as ask it of thee, thy holy Spirit, that heavenly Comforter, which revealeth thee and thy will to the simple and ignorant, which also stirreth up the minds and inward affections of thy children to call upon thee, by preparing their hearts, and opening their mouths to celebrate thy Name; bestow it, good Father, bestow it upon me thy unworthy servant, and upon all thy children; and grant, that although all of us are of corrupt affections, and polluted lips, yet we may be sprinkled with that heavenly Hyssop, that we may have our hearts cleansed of the corrupt affections of this world; and the eyes of our understanding opened, that we may see the good things we should ask; and our feet that are fettered with the cares of vain things, may be set at liberty, that we may walk the right way unto the Kingdom of Heaven, and that the hands of our souls may apprehend and take hold of the Righteousness of thy Son Jesus Christ; and that by the aid of the same Spirit, we may cast off all impediments, lets and incumbrances that detain us from coming unto thee. Sanctifie me within and without; wash me, and I shall be whiter than Snow; let thy Truth and thy Spirit meet together in my soul, that

that my prayers may enter into thy presence and that thine ears may incline unto my humble petitions, so shall I declare thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy Truth in the night-season. Thou knowest where we be made, thou forgettest not that we are but dust, & unprofitable children; not fit apt, nor able of our selves to pray unto thee, & praise thy Name: therefore, good Lord allure me unto thee, to seek thee; and grant that with my whole heart and mind may always rejoyce and be comforted by thee, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to acknowledge God in his works.

O Most mighty and eternal God, thou by the creation of the World and all that therein is, hast sufficiently declared thy self to be the everlasting and Almighty God, so that these things do far pass the reach of man's wisdom: and not herein only hast thou declared thy self to be God; but in that also that thou dost continually guide and govern the same and all things of thee created. Seeing therefore, O most merciful Father, that we have both in our selves, and also in thy creatures so manifest testimonies

that thou only, O Lord, art that eternal
and loving God, which dost reign in all
thy creatures, guiding and governing them
by thy heavenly providence; Grant I do
beseech thee, that my heart may be hereof
fully assured, to acknowledge thee not only
to be God eternal, who hast created all
things; but also that I may in heart be fully
persuaded, that thou, O Lord, dost go-
vern all things according to thy most blessed
will; so that nothing can be done in the
whole world without thine appointment, &
that thou hast such a singular care over thine
elect, so that not so much as an hair of their
heads shall fall without thy providence;
Grant therefore, O Lord I beseech thee,
that I may hereof be fully assured in my
heart and soul, and that I may in all my
things set thee before mine eyes, acknow-
ledging thee to be my only Lord and Father;
and by the working of thy holy Spirit in me,
may be confirmed in faith, comforted in
soul, & lightened in understanding; that always
where on Earth I may glorify thy holy Name,
and after the dissolution of this my mortal
body, I may attain thy everlasting joy with
thy Elect, in thy glorious Kingdom for ever
and ever. *Amen.*

A very fruitful Prayer to God.

WE are all *Publicans*, O Lord open the ears of thy favour unto our cry, and have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us; we sin daily, but yet save us, of thy pity save us; O shew thy compassion upon me, and let me not die a *Judas* death, let me never tune the doleful song of *Cain*; but ingrave in my heart a full and lively faith in thee; that never doubting thy bounteous mercy, I may with a free conscience set Satan at defiance, and all his hellish band; O merciful Lord hear this my cry, and defend me with thy grace against the power of Satan, who roareth of cruelty and lurketh in every corner of malicious subtilty, to tear me with the claws of his fury and merciless envy: defend me with thy faith against him. O Lord lay the plaister of thy comfort to my wounded conscience, and cover me with the wings of thy favour, that I may live and die in thee; and so be blessed for ever; to whom, O Father, with thy dear Son and the holy Ghost, be all power for ever.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O My Lord God, and sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, grant unto me most frail creature, and miserable wretch, thy grace and mercy; and that I may ever have present before the eyes of my soul, thy most holy life and behaviour; and that for my possibility & power, I may in living and manners follow the same: and grant me, good Lord, to profit, grow and increase therein to such perfection as may be acceptable unto thee for the salvation of my soul: lighten my Lord, and make clear and bright my heart with the glorious light of thy grace, that thou may ever go before me, and follow me in all my acts, so that by thy conduct & guiding, I may accomplish and fulfill all that may please thy goodness, & utterly eschew and avoid the contrary; & vouchsafe sweet Saviour, so to order and direct all my cogitations and thoughts, all my speech & words, all my acts and deeds, in thy Law and Commandments, and in thy monitions and counsels; and so take me good Lord unto thee, and here in all things doing thy will I may by thy grace become one of thy saved souls, to live with thee my Redeemer for ever. Amen.

Prayers

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O Lord my God and Father, ble
 be thy Name for ever. Dispose
 heart, open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

MY God, my God, look
 me, why hast thou forsake
 mee, and art so farr from
 health, and from the word
 my complaint?

O my God, I cry unto thee in the
 time, but thou hearest not; and in the
 season also I take no rest.

And yet thou continuest holy, O
 Worship of Israel.

Wherefore unto thee, O Lord, belie
 lift up my soul, my God, I have put
 trust in thee: O let me not be confound
 neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

O remember not the sins and offenses
 my youth, but according to thy mercy
 thou on me.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth
 cleanse me from my secret faults.

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Keep thy servant also from presumptuous
sins, lest they get the dominion over me, so
shall I be undefiled and innocent from the
great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the me-
ditations of my heart be always acceptable in
thy sight, O Lord my strength and my Re-
deemer.

For thy Namesake, O Lord, be merci-
full unto my sin, for it is great.

Look upon mine adversity and misery, &
forgive me all my sins.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when
I cry unto thee, have mercy upon me, and
hear me.

O hide not thy face from me, nor cast thy
servant away in displeasure.

Thou hast been my succour, leave me not,
neither forsake me O God of my salvation.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I
believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Therefore shall every good man sing of
thy praise without ceasing O my God, and I
will give thanks unto thee for ever. *Glory,*
&c.

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A Prayer for the remission of sins.

O Most loving and bountifull Father
 forasimuch as it is most meet, right
 just, and requisite, that all flesh should
 praise, magnifie and worship thee, I
 should without ceasing give thanks unto thee
 who only art the Creatour and Maker of
 things, who of thine own mercy and good-
 ness didst send down thine only begotten
 Son, to take our nature upon him, and
 suffer death for our sins, thereby to make
 recompence for the offences which Man
 committed against thee: And all this thou
 didst of thine exceeding bounty and kindness
 without any desert of Mankind, not be-
 so-much as by any one prayer, or yet trea-
 thereunto incited: I being therefore,
 dear Father, imboldened with such an in-
 mable benefite, so freely given and bestowed,
 do without any fear at this time appear be-
 thy Divine Majesty, prostrating myself
 before the seat of thy Mercy, and with
 humbleness of heart and minde, do make
 this *my* prayer unto thee: despise me not
 Lord, being deiled with sin and iniquity,
 be merciful unto *me* a sinner, lighten
 evil-sighted eyes of my minde, open
 stop

stopped ears of *my* heart, that I may both see and hear, and understand that which thou teachest, and do always that thou commandest; and that I be not only a hearer of thy Word; but a practiser of the same in *my* life and conversation; Save and defend *me* from all shame and reproach; be thou *my* shield and buckler against all temptations; cleanse *my* mind and thoughts from all uncleanness; keep and preserve *me* from all danger both in body and soul, and guide *me* with thy grace, so to spend this *my* small, short, & transitory time in this world, that I may be a member of Christ, & partaker of thy eternal felicity: to the which, seeing that by mine own weakness I shall never be able to aspire, I do here, O Lord, take hold of that promise of thine, where thou hast said; Come unto *me* all ye that labour, and I will refresh you: this is *my* hold-fast, this is *my* anchor and sure stay, for verily, sweet Saviour, when I look upon mine own frailty, & behold how ready I am to offend, then I quake for fear; but as soon as I call to mind thy great love and Kindness, and thou wilt not the death of a sinner; and that in what day soever he doth heartily repent and call unto thee, then thou wilt hear him; then I am relieved, then I am not a little

comforted, knowing surely that thou wilt perform that which thou hast promised : faithful assurance whereof, I now say unto thee, Turn thou *me*, O *my* God, & I shall be turned : be favourable unto me, O Lord, be favourable unto *me* thy servant, & heal *my* soul which is wounded with sin, for I do acknowledg mine iniquity, and am heartily sorry for mine offences, through which I have either in word or deed, thought, or any other kind of way offended thee ; blot them out of thy remembrance, and let the Bloud of that *immaculate* Lamb, Jesus Christ, wash them away : let mine old offences decay and die in *me*, that I never commit them any more, or by any means renew them in thy sight ; and in the meantime do not withdraw thy grace from me, but cause *me* to do all that good is. O Father, remove thy wrath away from *me*, and restore *me* to thy favour ; turn thou thy loving countenance unto *me*, and plentifully pour forth thy mercy upon *me* ; Guide thou my foot-steps in thy paths, and suffer *me* not at any time to stray from thy wayes ; let me alwayes have the fear of thee in *my* heart, and if at any time through weakness & frailty I do transgress thy commandments, yet O thou not therefore, good Lord, reject me.

Wilt thou be thou that good *Samaritan*, and pour
the oyl and wine of mercy and forgiveness
into those wounds which sin shall make in *me*;
make *me* thy servant, and so endue *me* with
thy grace, that I may unfainedly with heart
and voice, serve, honour and praise thee,
through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour,
to whom be praise and glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

*A Prayer setting out the power of
God's grace.*

O Lord my God, who hast created *me*
after thine own *Image*; give *me* thy
grace which is most excellent and necessary
unto all salvation, that I may subdue my
wicked nature, drawing *me* alwayes unto sin
and destruction: for I see in *my* flesh the
law of sin rebelling against the law of *my*
mind, and leading *me* captive to the satisfy-
ing of my vain desires in many things; so
that without the assistance of thy most heaven-
ly grace, poured zealously into *my* mind,
I am unable to resist the assaults thereof:
O Lord, I take thy grace, and that much
of thine, whereby *my* nature, prone
to all impiety even from *my* youth, may be
subdued and overcome; for Nature being
fallen

fallen through the offence of the first Man, and defiled through sin, the punishment whereof hath redounded unto all mankind, so that, that nature which at the first thou didst make good and righteous, is now corrupted for the sin and infirmity of the corrupted nature; insomuch as the motions left unto it tend alwayes unto evil and inferiour things: hence O Lord it is, that touching the inward man, I *am* delighted with thy Law, knowing that thy statutes are good, righteous, and holy; and that they reprove wickedness, & teach that which is to be avoided; but *my* flesh serve the Law of sin, whilst I obey the appetite more than reason; hence it is, that to will is present with *me*; but alas, I find no means to perform; hereof it is, that often times I purpose to do many things well, but because thy heavenly favour and grace is wanting, which may help mine infirmity, I flee back and retire; yea hereof it is, that I know indeed the way of righteousness, as I see, as it were, in a glass what *my* duty is, but through the weight of *my* sin, I have no power to arise unto perfection: O Lord, how greatly do I lack thy grace, both to begin what good is, and also to proceed thoroughly in goodness: for without it I do nothing, but through the help thereof I

And can do all things in thee : O heavenly
mercy, without which neither the merits of
kind man, nor the gifts of nature are of price
whatsoever : For the gifts of nature are
common, as well to the wicked as to the
good : but thy grace is a gift peculiar only
unto the elect ; which whoso have, are counted
meet and worthy eternal life. Finally, it is
so excellent, that without it, neither the
work of prophesie, nor the working of Mi-
racles is any thing worth : yea, neither faith
nor hope, nor any other virtue are of price
or accepted of thee, without love and grace.
O blessed grace, which maketh him rich
in virtue who is poor in spirit : Come,
O come down to me, and fill me early with
thy comfort, that my mind with weariness
and hunger faint not : O Lord, I beseech
thee impart thy grace unto me, that is suffi-
cient for me, though I have nought in me else
that nature would require ; yea I protest ;
if that be with me, I will dread no tem-
ptation, nor trouble whatsoever ; this is my
strength, that bringeth counsel and help ;
yea, it is both mightier than a'l enemies, &
wiser then the prudent ; it is the Mystery of
Truth, the teacher of Discipline, the light
of the mind, the comfort in affliction, the
repeller of sadness, the remover away of

care, and the nourisher of Religion: As know
word, without it, what am I but withered for
wood, and a root most unprofitable, to be crea
cast away? wherefore O Lord, let this thy prof
grace both go before, and also follow me befe
whereby I may continually apply my self upon
wel-doing, through Jesus Christ my Lord thou
& Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory
ry, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for a competent living.

O Almighty God, and loving Father, who of nothing hast created all things in the
living; thy providence is so great over the whole
all, that thou sufferest not the most vile and
and simplest of them all to perish for want of
relief, and things requisite for them, seeking to
the same at thy hands; yea, and such is thy
favour, O Lord, towards Man, that thou can
dost most miraculously provide for him, can
that all the rest of thy creatures thou hast of
ordained for his use & service, and yet thou
for all alike; for it hath pleased thee to
make some poor and some rich; some thou
exaltest, & some thou keepest low; some thou
to live at ease, and some by labour; and yet
none live without thy providence; and I among
mong the rest of thy creatures, I do acknowledge
knowledge

Acknowledge my self greatly bound unto thee,
 for helping *me* hitherto; and as thy silly
 creature and work of thy hands I humbly
 prostrate my self in heart before thy Majesty,
 beseeching thee favourably to look down
 upon *my* necessity, and grant *me* whatsoever
 thou seest necessary for *me*, even a competent
 and necessary portion here; not overmuch,
 lest I wax proud; and disdain mine inferiours;
 and if it be thy will vouchsafe unto *me*, not
 over-little, lest urgent necessity drive *me* to
 over-much care, and over much care carry
me to unlawful means, and so I run headlong
 into thy displeasure; but by truth in *my*
 calling I may be able to live and wade
 through the hardness of this world, and be
 rather helpful to the poor, than burthensome
 to the rich. O Lord bring it thus to pass;
 without thy blessing and fatherly further-
 stance, I cannot sufficiently execute; neither
 can that prosper, thereupon the whole state
 of my living & maintenance dependeth;
 wherefore good Lord bleesse *my* understanding
 and endeavours, to the prosperous execution
 of all things which concern *my* vocation and
 calling; and grant, O Lord, that whatso-
 ever doth happen unto *me*; as poverty or
 riches; I may be of a patient mind, that in
 adversity I run not headlong into such *means*

as are ungodly; neither in prosperity w
the prouder, but wait thy good pleasure
them both with thankfulness, and evermore
live in thee & by thee, and in the end re
with thee in Heaven, where thou livest
author and giver of all thy blessings. Gra
this, O most merciful Father; to whom wi
thy Son, and the Holy-Ghost, be all pow
and glory for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer to subdue our affections.

O Lord, Mighty and Mercifull, wh
didst create Man, in the beginning, simp
sincere, & without spot of sin: In whic
his integrity & innocency he then present
thine own Image, which was pure & witho
spot of sin; and yet such was man, that
fell from thee by disobedience, whereby
corrupted his wayes, & became far unlik
unto thee, being defiled with all vanities
wherein alas we all of us wallow, the mo
with greediness: wherefore most dear Fa
ther in Jesus Christ, create in me ne
thoughts, new affections, shape in me tr
obedience, that I may mortifie and kill a
sin and vain inclinations which rise up again
thee: let sin no longer bear rule in me, O
Lord; but let thy grace more & more abound

that all that I do think, speak or do, may be
favouring more of the desire of Heaven and
Heavenly, than of earthly and carnal desires;
that so I may be approved, not only before
men, to be as ought, but to thee to be as *thou*
requirest; to whom, O Lord, be all honour
and glory for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Kings Majesty.

O Lord Almighty, the Governour;
Preserver, and continual Protector of
Princes, to whose beck and will all King-
doms of the Earth are subject; look in mercy
and favour, O Lord, I beseech thee, upon
the state of thy servant, our dear sovereign
Lord *King Charles*, and all his Royal issue;
be thou unto *him* and *them* a safe refuge in all
time of danger; and let thy holy Spirit be
unto him a continual guide in all his acts and
proceedings; direct him, to comfort, defend
and support us, and either to bring our
enemies to a perfect peace, in imbracing the
Truth with us, or confound their power and
devices for ever.

An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God, I honour thee, I praise thee, I yield thee most hearty thanks for all thy benefits, and at this time especially, O Lord, because thou hast patiently and attentively heard my petitions, and hast given me soberness and humbleness of mind, to utter the same without any interruption. I bless thee, my everlasting God, and with all my heart give thee thanks, for that not only thou hast saved me this day from death, from hurts, and from all perils from my cradle; but hast defended both my soul and body from all Mis-fortunes and Dangers: Therefore my soul magnifieth the Lord, and my spirit rejoyceth in God my Saviour, for he hath looked upon the afflictions of his servants: And now amongst all other thy goodness, O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, hearken O God for thy Name sake, for it is called upon by me: O God of Heaven and Earth, in the evening do I call upon thee, that remitting my sins, thou wouldst receive me into thy protection; and keep me this night, that the Devil have no power over me; for thou, O Lord, art my everlasting Protector; for behold, whether

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I sleep or wake, whether I live or die, I am alwayes thine : let thy Mercy follow me, O Lord, all the dayes of my life, that I may dwell in thy house and praise thee, and that I may in acknowledging thy greatness, confess my sinful & wretched weakness: and visit me O Lord, and drive from me all the assaults of mine enemies, both bodily and ghostly ; and let thy holy Angel be with me, and keep me this night, & evermore , by thy grace ; and ever let thy blessing be upon me this night, and for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayers

Prayers for Wednesday Morning.

O Lord my God and Father, bless
 be thy Name for ever. Dispose
 heart, open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

IN thee, O Lord, have I put
 trust, let me never be put to confu-
 sion: deliver me in thy Righteousness.
 Bow down thine ear unto me, make
 hast to deliver me.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit, for
 thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God
 of truth.

I have hated them that hold of superstition
 vanities, & my trust hath been in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoyce in thy mercy
 for thou hast considered my trouble, and
 known my soul in adversity.

Shew thy servant the light of thy coun-
 nance, and save me for thy mercies sake.

O how plentiful is thy goodness which
 thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, and
 that thou hast prepared for them that put their
 trust in thee.

Wherefore

Wherefore I will confess my wickedness,
and be sorry for my sin; I will take heed
unto my wayes, that I offend not in my
tongue.

Therefore withdraw not thou thy mercy
from me, O Lord, but let thy loving
kindness and thy truth alwayes preserve
me.

For my soul is athirst for God, yea,
God, yea even for the living God; when
shall I come to appear before the presence of
God?

Yea, as the Hart desireth the water-brooks,
so longeth my soul after thee O God.

Wherefore send out thy light and thy
truth, that they may lead me and bring me
to thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and
why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God, for I will yet
give him thanks, which is the help of my
countenance, and my God. *Glory be to
the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost, &c.*

A Morning Prayer.

O Most merciful and loving Father, thank thee for the sweet sleep and comfortable rest that thou hast given me this night; and forsomuch as thou hast commanded by thy holy Word, that no man should be idle, but alwayes occupied in godly and virtuous exercises, every man according to his calling: I most humbly beseech thee, Lord, that thine eyes may attend upon me, that thy grace may daily defend me from danger: succour, cherish, & comfort me in all my need and distress; & govern all my counsels, studies, and labours, in such a wise, that I may spend this day according to thy most blessed will, and the discharge of mine own conscience in thee; that warily avoiding all things that may displease thee, and setting alwayes before mine eyes thy fear, I may (thy grace assisting me, and thy holy Spirit guiding me) work that which is acceptable before thy divine Majesty unto thy praise and glory for ever. *Amen.*

*A fruitful Confession to God for sins
committed.*

O Gracious God, have mercy upon me,
have mercy upon me, look favourably
upon me, incline thine ears towards me,
and hide not thy face now my soul is troubled.
O Almighty God, from whose light there is
no covert, & against whose power there is
neither resistance nor flight; I beseech thee
to cast off the blind burden of fleshly affecti-
ons; subdue my reason, regenerate my will,
& purifie my nature; lead my desire that I
may seek thee; lighten my understanding that
I may see thee; for I can neither seek thee
without thou direct me, nor see thee except
thou reveal thy self. Lord forgive mine
ignorance, forget my presumption, pardon
mine iniquities, relieve my necessities; Let
my sins no longer be a cloud between my
prayers & thy pity, between thy goodness
and my distress; most gracious God; who
art mercifull towards all, suffer me not to be
destitute of thy mercy; for although I have
committed that whereby I may be destroyed,
yet hast thou neither forgone nor forgotten
that whereby thou art wont to save: O
wretch that I am, how coldly do I cry, how
weakly

weakly do I crave, how senseless is my
unclean soul? alas I am nothing but vanity,
a rotten root, without any life or virtue;
barren ground, bringing forth nothing but
sin, shame and damnation: I am unable
either to give thee any thing, but of thine
own goods, or do any thing for my self
but by thy free gift: wherefore O my sweet
Saviour, by the tender love, and by all thy
mercies, reach me thy helping hand, draw
my soul out of the mire of sin wherein I
am fast set, that I perish not in the presence
of thy pity: deliver me from the snars that thine
enemy hath laid to take the soul of sinner
either wilful or secure.

Cut away occasions of evil before me
guide me unto thee the straightest course
and so long as I am to continue in this
vale of misery, settle me in that state of life
wherein I may best please thee: Give me
grace, O gracious God, although I have
hitherto had no care to live well, yet I now
now wholly and holily bend my care to do
well; and that from henceforth I may live
in thy fear, and dye in thy favour, rest in thy
peace, and remain in thy joy for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Patience.

O Most gracious and omnipotent Father, whose mercy is everlasting, and power infinite, bow down thine ear and hearken unto my prayer which I make before thee, beseeching thee of thy accustomed goodness, to endue me with the works of Mercy and deeds of Charity; and above all things, to give me patience in adversity; meekly to suffer, and patiently to take whatsoever it shall please thee to lay upon me; and never to murmur or to grudge thereat, but always to think thy loving and gentle correction to be much less than the deserts of my great and manifold offences. And again, if I be not under correction, then am I not thy child! For what father is he that correcteth not his children whom he most entirely loveth? this then is a most evident token that thou lovest us, when as thou correctest us: for as the scripture saith; *Whom God loveth, him he chasteneth.* Thou seest all things, thou understandest and knowest all things, so that not so much as one little sparrow lighteth upon the ground without thy knowledg; yea and our very thoughts are fore-known unto thee; thou disposest and orderest all things
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as seemeth best to thy holy will and pleasure. By thy help I may do all things, but without thee I can do nothing. When thou pourest out upon us thy creatures, thy good gifts and benefits, thou dost it to this end; that we acknowledging the same, should thereby be encouraged to serve, honour and obey thee, and contrarywise, when thou strikest us with thy rod of correction, thou dost it to put in minde that we have transgressed thy Commandments; that we have not hearkened unto thee, but willingly fallen into the punishment of sin, and following our own appetites have provoked thy just wrath and indignation against us. Thus thou dealest with us: O Lord, to the intent that we suffering bodily punishment, and feeling the smart of the Father, may thereby be admonished of our duties, and with true compunction of heart, desiring to be released from the scourge that we have deserved. This O heavenly Father, I acknowledge to be our duty; but alas, I for my part have not performed the same as I ought; yet I beseech thy goodness not to execute the rigour of thy justice upon me, but to stay thy hand; and before thou give me any greater wound, to behold my humbleness, lity & repentance; and here I do offer thee. O Lord, according as the poor widow desired

leafall which I am able to give; that is, a for-
 witherful contrition of heart for my former
 pouncesses done and past: wherefore I beseech
 ifts thee to give me grace, that what way soever
 thou shalt please thee to punish me, I may take
 reby patiently, and say, *Naked I came into*
this world, and naked I shall return to the
earth again: The Lord giveth, and the
Lord taketh away, even as it pleaseth the
Lord, so be it. Suffer me not, O Lord,
 to despair, or to think that thou dealest
 unjustly with me; but to say, *Shall I receive*
prosperity at the Lords hands, and not be
troubled with adversity? and alwayes to
 think upon this; Happy are they whom thou
 dost punish; for though thou make a wound,
 thou also givest a plaster; though thou
 smitest, thy hand maketh whole again: Mine
 iniquities are great, be thou merciful unto my
 wickedness; O deliver me from thine anger,
 & press me not further than I shall be able to
 bear; but now I acknowledge, that what-
 soever trouble thou hast sent me, or wilt lay
 upon my, is either for the punishment of
 mine iniquities, or for the tryal of my
 constancy; I may with repentant *David*,
 humbly find remission of my sins; and with patient
Job, release of mine adversity, and obtain
 such favour in thy sight, that I may so pass
 this

this life, that I may afterwards live with thee in thy eternal glory : grant this O most loving Father, for thy dear Sons sake Jesus Christ ; to whom with the Holy-Ghost, be all honour and glory , for ever and ever Amen.

A Prayer for Humility.

O My sweet Saviour Jesus, it is thy own lesson : *Be humble and meek as I am* : it is thy word also ; *My sheep hear my voice* : but Lord what shall I do , my flesh is proud , I daily rebel against thy heavenly will , I envy my superiors , I love not mine equals , I despise mine inferiors : This is the fruit of the flesh O Lord , but thou art love and life , O loving Jesus ; and therefore , beseech thee of thy tender love to pittie me & to endue me with the spirit of humbleness that being poor in spirit , I may with the little ones of thy Kingdom be blessed and live for ever : O Lord , for the avoydance of pride , give me thy grace to consider , that by it an Angel became a Devil , and Man was excommunicate from the Paradise of pleasure : the desire of Soveraignty begat the Devil , sin and death & damnation ; so that out of it , as out of a most filthy puddle , issu'd a whole sea of

mischief

hith mischief & misery : Of this cup of pride,
meather *Adam* drank, when by his disobedience
he lost thy favour, and by the taste of
t, an Apple, thought to be thy Co-mate, in
knowing of good & evil ; Give *me* thy
grace not only to consider this, but also fully
to digest it ; that detesting it as a venomous
sipe, I may in humbleness of heart serve
thee holily & soundly, without hypocrisy,
thou art a pattern of lowliness, and a mirror
me of humility continually to be looked upon,
p be truly to be followed. O life and lover of
, souls, give me grace alwayes to hear, and
hearing thy word, to follow thee my Lord
ot and God, both now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Gods fear.

O Almighty and eternal God, thy holy
word teacheth us, that thou art not
th only a Father, but also a Lord ; not only a
d loving-giver, but also a revenger ; not only a
ce saviour, but also a Judge : and as thou
being a Father, a Saviour, and forgiver,
n wilst pardon & shew mercy ; so thou being a
asur Lord, a revenger, and a Judge, punishest
sin and condemnest : Neither doth thy holy
as Word set forth unto us a Gospel which com-
fertaeth us, quickneth us, sheweth us Joyful
schid tidings,

tidings, quieteth our consciences, and bringeth us unto everlasting life; but also Law which reproveth, accuseth, condemneth, woundeth, & slayeth our conscience yea and throweth us down headlong in everlasting perdition; so that by this we may see, that we may not only love thee as a Father, Saviour, and a forgiver; but also fear thee as a Lord, a revenger, and a Judge forasmuch therefore, O most gentle Saviour and most righteous Judge, as nothing doest so mightily put away sin & make us to walk in the way of thy Commandments, as reverently to fear thee, and to stand in awe of thy judgments and heavy displeasure: I most entirely pray and beseech thee, to give us that fear which thou requirest of us in the holy Word, and whereunto thou hast promised so many large and bounteous benefits that I may not only love thee as a Father, honour thee as a Saviour, but reverence thee as a Lord, and fear thee as a Judge; O Lord, all things are open to thine eyes, neither is any thing hid from thee, which seest the most inward thoughts & secrets of our hearts. Give me grace, O Lord, I beseech thee, that in all my enterprises, I may ever set thee in fear before mine eyes, and so stand in awe of thee, and of thy righteous judgments, that

attempt nothing whereby I should provoke
by heavenly displeasure against me; but so
walk in thy fear, and in thy holy Ordinance,
that I may at all times love thee as a Father,
honour thee as a Saviour, reverence thee as
Lord, and fear thee as a Judge: So shall
come to pass, that I reverently loving thee
as a childe doth his Father, shall not only
avoid all such evils as might make thee my
heavy Lord, and fearful Judge; but also
embrace those virtues, which shall both e-
vidently declare my faithful love, true ho-
nour, unfeigned reverence and humble fear
towards thee; and also make thee my Lord
and loving Father, and most merciful Saviour;
to whom be all honour and glory for ever.
amen.

*A Prayer for the desire of Heavenly
things.*

O My God, O the sweet life of my soul!
what other thing besides thee ought I
to look after? what, have I not all things if
I possess thee who hast created all things?
there is nothing of any estimation, but only
such things as thou hast made; for whatsoever
state of comeliness, pleasantness, fineness,
sweetness, virtue, dignity or riches, consisteth
in

in any creature, the same proceedeth from thee, O God, and all things abundantly flow without any lack: O Creator most excellent, thou art the pleasure of all things, thou art the abundant fulness of perfect joy, and the unmeasurable Sea of all holy delights. Thou art that light and incredible cleanness and passing brightness, which they do hear, see, taste and feel, that are inwardly joyous unto thee, through exceeding pureness of heart, while they yet remain in this present exile: The loving embracements, nor the dainty kisses of the Mother, the appeal of the weeping of her tender child, nor the pleasant countenance of the husband towards his loving wife, are but as shadows and of little value, in respect and consideration of thy sweet embracements, wherewith thou, Lord, dost allure the souls of those that love thee: But if poor banished men can be blessed and happy, and that they can taste of such incomparable goodness, who see thee but in a dark shadowed glass: how much more happier ought we then to judge thy holy Citizens who see thee face to face, those thy beloved children, do now manifestly know, and in themselves do perceive how much thou dost favour and love them, from the beginning hast loved them: thou

Lord, it is that dost quaiſie, gladden,
refreſh and ſatiſſie with a delicate deſire of
enjoying thy company, the hearts and wils
of all men: and to ſay all, O eternal
God, thou art all in all, in that moſt holy
City of New Jeruſalem: That is, the
happy day, & the ſingular day, whereof
thou, O Lord Jeſus haſt ſpoken to thy
Disciples; *In that day you ſhall know that
I am in my Father, and you in me, and
I in you*: O day ſo much wiſhed-for with
moſt hearty deſire, wherein the holy ſouls
ſhall be united unto thee O God, and ſhall be
inſpired with a marvelous light of wiſdom,
and transformed into the brightneſs of
eternal glory; O Jeſus I beſeech
thee, that ſo long as I am in the darkneſs of
this miſty deſart, that the eyes of my mind
may behold and contemplate the moſt ſhin-
ing light and brightneſs of thee, O God,
and that I may alwayes praiſe thee for ever
and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to God for zeal in Prayer.

O My God and Father, I beſeech thee,
that if at any time I feel in my ſelf
any faintneſs or failing of fervency in call-
ing upon thee, that thou wilt kindle within
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my heart the heavenly heat of thy most
 holy Spirit, that I may burn in the zeal
 thee and thy holy house; and grant me the
 grace, O Lord, to cry with thy holy A
 postle for the increase of faith; that being
 awakened and stirred up by thy most tender
 & fatherly affection and instigation, I may
 enjoy the effect of all my godly and neces
 sary desires, which thou hast promised
 give unto me in thy Son Jesus Christ; for
 whose sake I expect all good things at thy
 hands: make my heart the undefiled instru
 ment of peace and perfect thoughts, and
 my tongue the Trumpet of thine eternal
 praise, my body the habitation of the
 Holy-Ghost, mine eyes the windows
 behold the worthy way that leads to thee
 my legs the supporters of my body and
 soul, towards the attaining of thy heavenly
 Kingdom: O Lord, thou knowest my
 hearty desire is alwayes to serve thee, and
 evermore to abide in thy love and favour
 Grant unto me Lord, of thy gracious
 goodness, that I may live in thy Law
 walk in thy way, and die in thy faith; and
 that I may clearly be delivered of the bur
 den of sin, and be wholly out of death
 and damnation: Give me the peace which
 the world cannot give; grant me the joy
 which

which thine Elect do possess ; sustain me
with the comfort that never shall be void ;
direct me with the hope that always shall
persist ; instruct me with thy Word that
ever shall endure ; and advance me to thy
Kingdom that never shall have end : then
shall thy Glory still live in me and I shall
never die , but reign with thee for ever ; to
whom , O Father , be all honour and glory,
world without end. Amen.

Prayers for Wednesday Night.

O Lord my God and Father , blessed
be thy Name for ever. *Dispose*
my heart , open my lips , &c.

A Psalm.

 Lord my God , thou hast
searched me out , and known
me ; thou knowest my down-
sitting , and my uprising ; thou
understandest my thoughts
long before.

Thou art about my path , and about my
bed , and spyest out all my wayes.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

My reins are thine, thou hast cover'd me
in my Mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I
fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous
are thy works, and that my soul knoweth
right well.

My bones are not hid from thee, though
I be made secretly, & fashioned beneath
the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, y
being unperfect; & in thy book were
my members written.

Which day by day were fashioned, wh
as yet there was none of them.

O how dear are thy Counsels unto me
O God, O how great is the sum of them.

O enter not into Judgment with thy se
vant, for in thy sight shall no man living
justified.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands
the ungodly; preserve me from wicked men
which are purposed to overthrow me
goings.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight
the incense; and the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth,
and keep the door of my lips.

O let not my heart be inclined to any evil
thing, let me not be occupied in ungodliness,
with the men that work wickedness, lest I
do such things as please them,

But teach me to do the thing that pleaseth
thee, for thou art my God, let thy loving
Spirit lead me forth into the land of righte-
ousness.

A Prayer for mortification.

O Righteous God, and merciful Father,
who art so pure and clean, that no
corruption resteth in thy sight; and sith
there is required in all men the sincere and
inward zeal of the soul, and an absolute
killing of the motions of the flesh, and
mortifying of all carnall affection: look
favourably upon me, O Lord, in whom
doth dwell an innumerable troop of foolish
fantasies, and an heap of sinful affections:
I finde and feel, O Lord, that though many
times to will be present with me, yet to
perform is not in my power; sin doth prevail,
and death through sin swalloweth me up,
so that I rest in darkness of sin, by giving
scope unto mine own perverse will; and such

is my miserable estate, that being thus
 my self, flesh and blood flattereth it self
 and concludeth, that whatsoever I purpose
 in an evil desire, so that it break not forth
 into open gross wickedness, that I am honest
 enough, that I am as sincere as is required
 and that I stand too fearfull of thy judgement.
 When thou knowest, O Lord, that
 all and every the least conceit of sin, breaking
 into action, in what covert measure
 or mean degree soever, it by and by endan-
 gereth my soul, and deserveth sudden
 judgement; and therefore let it please thee
 O Father, that as thy dear Son, through
 thy surpassing love, hath reconciled all sinners
 unto thy favour again, that are truly peni-
 tent, so let thy holy Spirit continue
 work to the taming of my unbridled flesh
 and let me, by the same Spirit, come to
 true mortification of all the evils that rise
 in me; So shall I deny and forsake my self
 and follow thee; so shall I leave my self
 and come to thee; hate my self, and love
 thee; conquer my self, and serve thee.

And here thou seest, O my dear Father
 that I am most weak, and without the con-
 tinual working of thy grace, I cannot
 any measure suppress my desires, but that
 they rather the more strongly rise in me:

cannot deny my self but I rather deny the
working of thy grace in me; I do not only
not mortifie my sins, but sin rather reviveth
and becometh strong in me, in as much as
it bringeth forth fruit, not unto life, but
unto death: therefore I beseech thee, O
heavenly Father, to sanctifie me, that I
defile not my self with the filthiness of the
flesh, nor fleshly things, how soever they
may seem to please me: let me not be de-
ceived with the pleasing judgments of wordly
men, who affirm sin to be no sin, darkness
to be light, and light to be darkness, A-
theism to be Religion, and sanctity to be
sin. O dear Father, many are the inordi-
naries that rise up in us, and defended not only
as things tollerable, but as things laudable:
wherefore I beseech thee to mortifie these
evils, and let me no longer be sotted with
the filthy fashions of this world: extinguish
the flames of carnal desires, repress the
raging lusts of the flesh: and grant that I
may with shame, and with due watchfulness
avoid all things that have but the appearance
of evil; but being thus inwardly subdued,
I may make outward profession, that what-
soever I do, it may be simply grounded
upon a good conscience: & let me still retain
this in memory, O Lord, that I cannot
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follow mine own will and thy word, the most
 I cannot impart my affections to the deat O C
 of the flesh, and the works of the Spirit who
 that I cannot walk in darkness and light, who
 the way of death, and in the way of life the l
 wherefore O most dear Father, direct me encr
 in my whole life, and separate me from the then
 world, and worldly things; and let me is tr
 dwell with thee in all godly meditations Blo
 contemplations, and let me use the things us,
 this world as if I used them not: and being us:
 thus truly mortified in the body, and quick upo
 kned in the Spirit, I may look in continu loo
 watchfulness for the dissolution of this Hig
 mortal body, that my soul may ascend nou
 and in the end, both soul and body may be Hol
 evermore enjoy the eternal joyes of heaven in-n
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A Prayer against despairation.

O Most merciful God, greatly have I
 sinned, and alas am guilty of many cor
 crimes: Therefore unto thee do I cry, O tes
 most holy Father and eternall God, keep the
 me in thy Name, that in temptations and he
 extremities I never faint in courage; Mo be
 deate and mitigate my vexations, let them an
 come to a joyful end, that I fall not into the th
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most heinous sin of incredulity and despair. O Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, whose mercy cometh unto us like a stream, who art my eternal happiness, I do from the bottom of my heart beseech thee, to increase faith, establish hope, and strengthen patience within me; for this certainly is true, that one little drop of thy sacred Blood shed for us, is of more power to save us, than all our enormous sins to condemn us: wherefore, O sweet Saviour, look upon me with the eyes of mercy, as thou lookedst back upon *Peter* in the Hall of the High-Priests Palace, after he had both renounced thee & cursed himself: O God the Holy-Ghost be thou present with me in mine extreme need, when the Devil will accuse me, and my conscience bear witness against me; when I shall be environed with horrible dangers and temptations, and all things set themselves against me.

Strengthen my heart at that time; O comfortable Spirit, with the zeal of thy testimony, that undoubtedly I may believe the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and everlasting life, which shall be given to all believers. O blessed Trinity, and eternal God of one essence, give grace that in every combat, especially at the point

of death, being mindful of thy Covenant made with me in Baptism, and of thy comfortable promise annexed; which is that all that believe and are baptised shall be saved, I may never doubt either of thy merciful good will towards me, or of the free remission and forgiveness of my sins; by often remembrance of this sign and covenant, I may daily more and more be confirmed in faith and hope of eternal happiness: and here, O holy Trinity, lift up my sorrowful heart, and pour upon me the wholesome comfort of thy heavenly blessing, and at the point of death refresh me with the sweet light of thy cheerfull countenance, that with exceeding joy I may desire to depart, and come to thy heavenly home, where thou livest and reignest as my eternal God and Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for the power of Gods Spirit
to abide in us.*

O Omnipotent and eternal God and Father, which comfortest such as are sorrowful, and who givest all good gifts unto us of thy free favour and love, be thou ever so graciously willed us in all our affairs and necessities, and as often as we stand in need of any

thy blessings, or feel our selves burdened with any kind of tribulation or affliction, either of body or mind, to call upon thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, and thou wilt grant what we want, Most humbly I beseech thee, to send down upon my dark understanding, the bright beams of thy most holy Spirit, to lighten me, and to direct me in all my supplications and prayers; & specially at this time, O Lord, for that thou knowest my weakness and ignorance to be such, as I am altogether unable to frame my requests according to thy will, or to seek that which is for mine own souls health; wherefore I most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, in the Name of him thy Son, to address and prepare my heart to the true understanding, and unfeigned calling on thy Name for such things as thy wisdom shall think most expedient for me, both to the obtaining of thy heavenly Kingdom, which is before all things to be sought for, and for temporal blessings best known to thee; which in respect of my ignorance, my dulness, my corruption, my weakness, and the guilt of mine own conscience, I cannot crave in such due and faithful manner as I ought; and therefore most dear Father, I here beseech thee in the
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Name of thy Son Christ, that thou wilt pray
 ayd me with thy holy Spirit in my prayers
 that being of my self dull, I may be made
 zealous; and whereas I am of my self
 cold, I may be thereby made fervent and
 faithful, that my prayers be not as a smoke
 which vanisheth, or as the wind which
 passeth away, being only in the lips, and
 not firm in the heart; let it be effectual as
 an acceptable sacrifice, sweet and pleasing
 in thy sight; and that nothing pass the bounds
 of my unfeigned lips, but that which may
 beseech a single heart, alwayes sounding
 thine honour, and setting forth of thy most
 glorious praise: Let thy holy Spirit, O
 Lord, come unto me; let it continue with
 me, work, and prevail effectually in me
 unto the end; that I may both at this time
 begin, and for evermore continue as thou
 willest I should, namely in faith; that I fall
 not into any temptation, in hope that I may
 constantly look for, & faithfully attain
 unto perfect understanding of thy will, and un-
 ableness in all things to fulfil the same; make
 me also, good Lord, fervent in love, that
 I may freely and unfeignedly, even from
 my very heart, forgive and forget all inju-
 ries, wrongs, and evil doings, of such as
 by any means have offended me, with hearty

prayer

u w prayer for their amendment, that I ap-
 yem proaching unto the Throne of thy mercy,
 ma in a pure and single heart, may heartily,
 ny as well for all others, as for my self, for
 at a things necessary both for my soul & body,
 smoe make my humble petitions unto thee, and
 whi in thy good time, tast that most sweet fruit
 , a of my humble desires, according unto thy
 al a will; so shall I shew forth thy praise, and
 ding give glory to thy Name for ever and ever,
 oun world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for victory against sin.

it, **O** Lord, there is no victory without
 e w fighting, nor any crown without
 in victory; give me therefore power O Lord,
 s tim that fighting valiantly, I may be crowned
 s the gloriously in heaven with thee to live for
 t I ever: minister strength unto me, that I
 I may may over-master mine enemies; and give
 attac me the spirit of patience, that continuing
 , a unto the end, I may be found and taken as
 mak a faithful Souldier of thy Son Jesus Christ,
 , the & so be blessed: let me not faint in fear,
 fro but let me fight in a lively faith, which over-
 inju matcheth all the whole world; plant me a
 uch a natural branch by the power of thy holy
 heary Word in the Vine *Jesus*, and make me able
 praye

to endure every crack : let no canker of
eat me ; let no worm of a guilty conscience
gnaw me , let no blast of the world over-
come me ; but stay me up with thy mighty
hand , & be ever at my elbow , that I may
be crowned though I be crossed ; and saved
though now souled in extreame misery ;
this is all my hope : for surely of my self
I am but a vapour , a worm ; I am born
a woman in sin , a sinful child by nature
and to my power wage battel with Satan
gainst my self , to my utter undoing ,
Lord , unless thou regenerate me , and fill
me with thy Spirit , alwayes to resist him
which do , O gracious God , I beseech thee
for thy great mercy , to whom be all power
and glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be mindful of death.

O God , in whose hands consisteth
the life of all mankind , for thy Son
Christ's sake , vouchsafe to give me grace
set before mine eyes , as a most certain
mark , whereto this frail body of mine may
tend it self , the Image of that which is
the faithfull the end of pain , and the begin-
ning of pleasure ; the end of misery , and
the beginning of bliss : but to the secure

and careless, the end of their pleasures,
and beginning of eternal pains. And
vouchsafe, good Lord, that I may have
an earnest desire of serving thee, and lead-
ing my life according unto thy will, that
whensoever it shall please thee to call me out
of this life, I be not through fear stricken
with doubt of condemnation, but even at
the last gasp, through unfeigned faith in
Jesus Christ, may take and have taste of
eternall salvation, that death be not bitter
or terrible unto me; but rather when it
cometh, I may with joy receive the same in
the Name of thy Son *Jesus Christ*. Bless me,
good Lord, from the second death, the
everlasting destruction both of body & soul,
and justifie me in the death of thy Son, that
my Name may be registred in the Book of
Life. O Lord comfort my guilty consci-
ence with the everlasting light of thy bounti-
ful favour, and let me have place among thy
Saints in thy heavenly Kingdom. Lord,
for thy mercies sake, after this my bodily
death, give me the fruition of thy presence,
in the rich Palace of endless blis: to whose
merciful protection I commend, with all hu-
mility and reverence, my soul and body.
Lord Jesus preserve me, Lord Jesus com-
fort me, Lord Jesus pray for me; for only
into

into thy hands that hast redeemed me,
 Lord thou God of truth, I commend
 soul both now and for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for a happy departure out
 of this life.*

O Most gracious and eternal God, thy
 years endure throughout all genera-
 tions, and thy days are without end or be-
 ginning, but the dayes of man are deter-
 mined, which he cannot overpass, and the
 number of his months are foreknown unto
 thee: wherefore instruct me, O Lord
 that being alwayes mindful of my mortalitye
 I never promise unto my self many years
 nor long life in this pilgrimage of mine,
 shall I not live securely, deferring my con-
 version to thee from day to day; nor
 put confidence in this frail and uncertain
 as that rich man spoken of in the Gospell
 but give me grace, that in thy fear I may
 dayly prepare my self to depart out of this
 prison; for nothing is more certain than
 death, though nothing more uncertain
 than the hour thereof: therefore I beseech
 thee O Lord, to let me have alwayes before
 mine eyes an image and meditation of my
 departure, the better to know the fleeting

me, and vanity of this frail & cumbersome life;
 and that I may live to thee my God, being
 sound in faith, & strong in hope, looking
 with cheerfulness for the day of my depar-
 ture, and the joyful appearing of thy Son
 Jesus Christ my Redeemer; & make me,
 beseech thee, O Lord, a faithful and wise
 servant, looking for the coming of my
 Lord, for that I know not when he will
 come, lest by a sudden hour of death be-
 coming over-took, I be found unready; but
 contrariwise, by prudent watching in true
 conversion and repentance, I may covet to
 be dissolved, & to be with Christ my Re-
 deemer; and grant also, O Lord, that at
 the point of death, having escaped all
 hardness and temptations, I may triumph
 like a Conqueror, and behold the power
 and presence of thy holy Spirit; and let my
 last words be that which thy Son did utter
 upon the Altar of the Cross, saying, Fa-
 ther into thy hands I commend my spirit;
 and when my speech is taken from me, hear
 O God, the groanings of my heart; and the
 hour of death being come, let thy servant
 depart in peace, through Jesus Christ my
 Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praise
 of glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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A Petition to God the Father.

O Omnipotent God & Father, I have asked here at this time many things of thee, and yet not deserved any; I confess alas, that not only those things which I require be not due unto me, but in stead of them most grievous punishments; yet O Lord, lay not my sins to my charge, for thou shouldest, I ~~were~~ not able to abide stand in thy sight; but O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt forgive me all that is past; and grant that I may never hereafter offend in the same again: and I vouchsafe I beseech thee of thy goodness O Lord, to direct, sanctifie; and keep my heart and body, my senses & doings, my talk and communication, in thy most holy Laws and Commandments; and that thy holy Angel may be with me, to direct my feet into the way of peace, truth and health, that I may be whole, safe, and free in this world, and by thee, both here and in the world to come. O Christ hear me, and save me, which livest and reignest with the Father and the holy Spirit; God in perfect unity; to whom be praise for ever, world without end. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, I with all humility and reverence of heart and mind, beseech thee this night, which thou hast ordained for man to rest in, that thou wilt guard and protect me with thy good-guiding Spirit; and albeit my sinful flesh shall slumber and sleep, yet grant that my soul may continually keep watch & ward; let not the enemy find me slumbering and sleeping, as careless in the cradle of sinful security, lest that whilst I am unarmed, that I am naked and destitute of thy help and favour, he enter in and break up the house of my sinful body; and make such havock and spoil, that my infected and leprous soul, deformed by means of mine iniquity, and wounded with the dangerous darts of transgression, be thrown with the body of mine iniquity, unto the lake of destruction; make me still, O good Lord, to consider that the bed is a plain pattern of the grave; make me understand, that when I am laid off my self, without thy heavenly providence, I cannot be able to rise again; make me also to acknowledge that sleep is the very figure of death, to whose stroke, at thy appointed

ed pleasure I must submit my self; end
me with love and charity to all men; let
lamp, O Lord, be garnished with oil
that whensoever thy messenger death shall
draw night, & knock at the gate of my
body, I may at his summons in the day
the resurrection of the dead, be ready
attend on thee my Bride, with my burning
lamp; that is, with a stedfast faith, where
as by faith I shall be cloathed with a new
for my mortal body shall be then covered
with immortality, and the corruption of
sinful and rebellious flesh be changed to
corruption and perfect purity: thy righte-
ousness shall be mine, thy merits shall make
me perfect and holy, by vertue whereof
hell shall lose his victory, death shall lose
his sting, my faith and hope shall have
end and reward; and I with thy Saints
continually dwell in love and charity with
thee and my heavenly Bridegroom Christ
Jesus; to whom with the Father, and the
Holy-Ghost, be ascribed all power and
glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Thursday Morning. 1

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever. Dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

Save me O God, for thy Names sake, & avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer O God, and hearken to the words of my mouth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, & praise thy Name O Lord, because it is so comfortable.

I will praise God, because of his word; I have put my trust in God; and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

In Gods word will I rejoyce, in the Lords word will I comfort me.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I might walk before thee in the light of the living.

Therefore will I call unto the most high God,

God, even unto the God that shall perform
the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from Heaven, and save
from the reproof of him that would eat
up.

He verily is my strength and my sal-
vation, he is my defence, so that I shall
greatly fall.

For the greatness of his mercy reaches
to the heavens, and his truth unto
clouds.

Wherefore my soul thirsteth for him,
flesh also longeth after him, in a dry
barren land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness
that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving kindness is better than
life it self, my lips shall praise thee.

My soul shall be satisfied even as it was
with marrow and fatness, when my mouth
shall praise thee with joyful lips.

Because thou hast been mine helper
therefore under the shadow of thy wings
will I rejoyce. *Glory, &c.*

A Morning Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, which like a diligent Watchman attendest always upon thy children, whether they wake or sleep, and mightily defendest them, not only from Satan that old enemy of mankind, but also from all other their adversaries; so that through thy godly power, they be harmless preserved: I most humbly thank thee, that it hath pleased thy goodness so to take care of me thy unprofitable servant this night past; that thou hast both safely kept me from all mine enemies, & hast given me sweet sleep unto the comfort of my body. I most entirely beseech thee mercifull Father, to shew the like goodness towards me this day, in preserving my body and soul, that mine enemies may have no power over me, and that so likewise I may neither breath, speak, or do any thing that may be displeasing to thy fatherly goodness, dangerous to my soul, or hurtfull to my neighbour; but that all my enterprises may be agreeable to thy most blessed will, which is alwayes good & godly, doing that that may alwayes advance thy glory, and answer to my vocation; that whensoever thou shalt call me from this vale
of

of misery, I may be found the child not in the
darkness, but of light, and so for ever man
reign with thee in glory, who art the tr of th
and everlasting Light; to whom with thy n
Son and the holy Ghost, be all power me;
glory, for ever and ever. Amen. offen
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*A Prayer for true sorrow of heart
for sin.*

O Most merciful God and dear Father, tho
vouchsafe I beseech thee to look down and h
with thy fatherly eyes of pity upon me, knock
vile and wretched sinner, which lie bitter
prostrate in heart before the feet of the F
bottomless mercy; for I have sinn'd again, on,
the throne of thy glory, and before the Ghos
O Father; yet nevertheless, forasmuch as infinit
thou art the God of all comfort, & again have
desirest not the death of a sinner, make may c
I pray thee, by infusing thy precious old m
of comfort into my wounds, that I may
joyfully run with the lost son into the lap of
thy pity; for thou art my hope and desire
in whom I repose my self, having in myself, a
full confidence in faith; yea, and I forsake
vile wretch, do here accuse my self what th
thee O Father, in that I have so sorely serva
grievously offended thy Almighty goodness hall

not in the committing of so many grievous and
 manifold offences; I have not kept the least
 of thy most holy Commandments, like as
 thy righteousness may require the same of
 me; but in what manner soever I have
 offended against thy eternal Majesty, whe-
 ther it hath been by day or by night, se-
 cretly or openly, O my merciful God, I
 am sorry for it, even from the bottom of my
 heart, yea my soul mourneth that I am not
 a thousand times more sorrier than I am:
 and here in token of true repentance, I do
 knock and strike my heart, and say in
 the bitterness of my heart and soul; Lord God
 of the Father, have mercy; Lord God the
 Son, have mercy; Lord God the Holy-
 Ghost, have mercy, and spare me of thy
 much infinit goodness now & for ever, and let me
 have part of thy abundant grace, so as I
 may change my sinfull life, & put off the
 old man with all concupiscence, and that I
 may die unto the world, & the world to
 me: give my soul grace, O my God, to
 desire in thee only to rejoice and repose my
 self, and that I may utterly renounce and
 forsake the vain assistance of this world, so
 that thou mayst find me ready with the good
 servant in the midnight of death, which
 shall suddenly steal upon me, like a thief.

ere I be aware : wherefore be thou to me
 at that time (O Lord) a tower of strength
 a place of refuge , and a defensible God
 namely , against the face of the Devil , who
 then will be ready to devour *me* , and
 against desperation , which then will be ready
 to grieve me : let then thy comfort cleave
 fast to *me* , thy mercy keep *me* , and thy
 grace guide *me* ; fetch then again , Lord
 God the Father , that which thy puissance
 might hath shapen ; fetch then again , Lord
 God the Son , that which thou hast so wisely
 governed , and bought with thy precious
 blood ; take again , thou Lord God the
 Holy-Ghost , that which thou hast kept and
 preserved so lovingly in this region of sin
 and vale of misery , three Persons and one
 God ; to whom be all glory and power
 for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Wisdom.

O Almighty and everlasting God , it is
 thy gift , that babes and men of both
 degree have the knowledge and understand-
 ing of thy will , and men of profound
 learning , deep study , and wordly appa-
 rance often want the same. It is thou who
 expellest darkness , and givest light ; which

takest away ignorance, and plantest know-
 ledge and wisdom, denying the same to
 none that unfeignedly ask it at thy hands;
 without the which nothing can be obtained
 which good is, nor nothing avoided with
 the evil: and that did *Solomon* very well
 consider, who had a promise at thy hands,
 that *whatsoever he asked he should obtain:*
 vouchsafe therefore, O Lord, to send it
 down from heaven, where it attendeth a-
 bout thy fear, and replenish my heart with
 the knowledge of it, that I may perfectly
 know what thy divine will and pleasure is in
 all things, and that I may alwayes direct
 my wayes by rule thereof, loving thee,
 and above all things, continuing most
 thankfull for all thy fatherly benefits
 bestowed & conferred upon me, and that
 prosperity overcome not, nor in adversity
 be foolishly moved to seek remedy else-
 where than at thy hands only, who art my
 God, and who hast promised to give wisdom
 to all them that unfeignedly ask it: O Lord
 hear my prayer, & let my cry come unto
 thee; give perfect wisdom, whereby I may
 truly discern the difference between the
 heavenly revelation, which is wisdom from
 above, and vain cogitations of worldly
 wits, considering that the one in all things,

as well in adversity as prosperity, com-
mueth most constant, stable, patient, and
firme : whereas contrarywise, the other
seeketh with more diligence to avoid the af-
flictions, troubles and calamities which
thou layest upon thy children ; but most
sweet Lord, and heavenly Comforter
grant that it may be farr from my heart to
think that any thing cometh to pass other-
wise than by thy Almighty providence
who willest nothing, nor doest any thing
but what is most expedient and necessary for
the use of the bodies and souls of thy ser-
vants, which we cannot rightly conceive
without this especial gift of thine, when
with for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake endue
me, that I be not led by fond conceit,
deceive my self with worldly experience
but governing my self according to thy
will, and measuring all my actions, words
and thoughts, by the right rule of know-
ledge ; in the end I may be found in the
number of those discreet Virgins, who
their lamps continually burning, and not
the number of those that were taken un-
provided ; that the coming of thy Son Je-
sus Christ be not terrible unto me, but
most acceptable and joyful ; that in the end
I may have free entrance into that most
glorious

glorious Kingdom, which thy Son *Jesus Christ* hath purchased with his blood for all true Believers in him; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the true Worship of God.

O Most gracious God and loving Father, establish my heart and mind in the true Worship of thy divine Majesty; Make me to believe thy holy and sacred Gospel, wherein I am daily & hourly instructed, to love, fear, honour and obey thee; to renounce all superstitious ceremonies whereby thy Worship is defaced, thy Glory profaned, and thine Honour greatly diminished; give me thy grace to hate sin and iniquity, and to renounce & forsake the vanities and wanton pleasures of this wicked and sinfull world: arm me, I beseech thee, to mortifie and bring under the rebellious appetites and strange lusts of the flesh; and finally, give me power from above, to withstand Satan the prince of darkness, and all his damnable ministers, who by divers temptations provokes and allures us from godly purity, and perfect integrity which passeth only from *Christ Jesus* to

us, who is the fulness of our perfection and holiness) to all kind of evil impiety and uncleanness; by means whereof, the Worship is greatly prophaned, and of set purpose contemned: make me, O Lord I beseech thee, by the power of a true full faith, to resist and bridle the concupiscence of my flesh, in such sort that my soul may triumph with victory, and continue constant in worshipping thee: prepare my heart and mind, to spread forth the glory of thy Name; keep my tongue from all filthy talk and uncomely gestures left by the exercises of sin, I contemn the Worship, and provoke thee to displeasure against me; set thou a watch before the gates of my mouth, that my lips by grace may be alwayes made open to sound forth thy praise: be mercifull to mine offences, think thou not on mine unrighteousness, but of thy clemency forgive thou freely and pardon graciously all my sins; make me faithfull in Christ Jesus, shorten the dangerous dayes of iniquity, increase the number of thy chosen & peculiar Saints, hasten thy coming O Saviour Christ; that with the fellowship of thy Saints, heavenly Angels, and the blessed company of Martyrs, may celebrate thy praise, and wor-

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ship thee in thy glorious Kingdom; before
thy Father, my God, & the Holy-Ghost;
to whom be praise and glory for ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for Charity.

O Infinite Charity, thou Son of God,
to whom the Father hath surrendered
all power in heaven and earth: I have of-
fended thee, and endangered my soul des-
perately: for Charity, O Charity! thou
shalt judge the world in equity, and I have
not Charity abiding within me: I love for
gain, I hate mine enemies, I pray not for
them that curse me, and speak evil of me:
I have of thy benefits, and yet I spare
nothing for them that have need: O eter-
nal Charity, I have hereby incurred the
peril of thy just judgment: Whereof, O
heavenly Charity have mercy upon me,
and quit me from a replying conscience,
and the court of the Devil; for else will
mine own life reclaim against me, and crave
damnation of my uncharitable conversion:
O Lord my sweet Saviour, I beseech thee
for thy bloody sweat, in the bottomless pit
of thy mercy to drown all my transgressi-
ons: adopt me thy Brother, and give me
thy

thy holy Spirits testimony as a gage and earnest of mine adoption and election that being free from sin, I may serve thee with a free conscience, in hope of an unwavering faith in his mercy. Amen.

*A Prayer for the feeling of Gods
favour and grace.*

O My Lord God, & dear Father, here crave thy assistance and grace that feel all things to work in me contrary to thy will: for blind is my mind, crooked is my will, and perverse concupiscence is in me as a spring and stinking puddle: faint is my faith, my sinful life increasing, and my sins still abounding, so as from offending thee O Lord, I cannot cease neither day nor night, and my sins are heavy upon me, pressing me down even unto hell, such is the weight thereof; moreover when I prepare my self to amendment of life, and think stedfastly to serve & please thee, even soon after doth my corrupt nature offend and displease thy divine Majesty; so that I am prone and ready to run headlong into a'l kind of sin and wickedness: such is my strength, such is my force and weaknes in performing those things which thou requirest

at my hands; by reason whereof I ~~am~~
moved to doubt of thy goodness towards
me, unless thou of thy mercy and pity
send thine aid from above, & pour into me
thy most healthful grace, that I may most
assuredly and faithfully trust in the merits of
my Saviour *Jesus Christ*, which is of farr
greater force, vertue and effect, in preser-
ving me, than all my sins and offences are in
condemning and casting me away: where-
fore O Father, as thou requirest thus
strictly that I should believe without doub-
ing; so wouldst thou in all my needs I
should come unto thee as a father, & make
my moan without mistrust of being heard
in thy good time, as most shall make for
thy glory and my comfort: Lo therefore,
to thee dear Father do I come, in thy Son
Jesus Christ, praying thee of thy great
mercy and goodness, to be mercifull unto
me, that I may love thee with all my heart
for ever; that my works may be ever found
holy in thy sight, and that I may alwayes
not only strive against sin, but also overcome
the same daily more and more, as thy chil-
dren do, and above all things desire the
sanctifying of thy Name, the coming of
thy Kingdom, the doing of thy Will here
on earth, as it is in heaven; and that only

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through my Lord and Saviour *Jesus Christ* to whom be all honour and glory, for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to God to bless our
endeavours.*

O My celestial Father, be favourable unto me thy repentant servant, flee from mine enemies to thy help and succour. Impute not my sins to me, for Christ's sake for I have heard thy fatherly voice, and foundeth daily in mine ears out of Heaven promising me, and affirming constantly thyself to be appeased with me for thy Son's sake, whom thou commandest me to hear and believe, who is made of thee my righteousness, my salvation, my peace, my mediator and intercessor, my fulfiller of the Law, my deliverer, and my whole hope, accomplisher of all my just desires, and my Saviour Christ Jesus, God and man; in whose Name at this time I attempt and take in hand all my just doings, according to my calling desiring thy gracious goodness, O Lord God & Father, to prosper it, further it, and give it happy increase, that whatsoever I take in hand, justly to finish the same. O holy Father, bless all my endeavours with thy

thy blessed increase, and let *me* not seek mine own will, but ever to pray that thy will be fulfilled; and let *me* not be led into temptation, but deliver *me* from all evil, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to live uprightly in our Calling.

O God of all comfort, and giver of all consolation, forgive *my* sins, cleanse and wash *me* from all iniquities which disable *me* to perform *my* calling in such sort as becometh *me*: and through the blood of thy Son, purifie *my* heart and *my* imperfections, and sanctifie *me* with thy grace, that *my* sins being forgiven, I may rest in thy favour and continual comfort, and be daily blessed with new gifts; that I may be found perfect in *my* calling, seasoned so with a lively faith in thee, that thy holy Spirit may continually dwell and bear rule in *me*, and lead *me* to the due performance of those things which thou requirest to be done in *my* calling; that all unnatural affection being truly mortified, I may only rest in thee, and rely on thee, and be ruled by thee in all things: Good Father, grant that I may take the direct and right course in my
vocation.

vocation to eternal life, in which course consisteth the inward peace of the soul, which is only delighted in thy inviolable truth, revealed by thy Son, & is left unto us in his Word and last Will, in which his last Will and Testament are comprehended all necessary rules, and the sacred discipline whereby thy children are to guide themselves in their several callings; which directions are comprehended in three principal virtues by thee bestowed on them that seek them at thy hands in the Name of thy Son; as Faith, Hope & Love; which three are so united and knit together in one, in thine elect children, that they through thy grace go not awry in their calling: I therefore dear Father, being of my self ignorant, and of mine own power unable to comprehend the height of my calling, instantly beseech thee in mercy to behold me an unperfect creature, without these virtues; and so adorn me with them, that I may be made perfect in all good works of the Spirit, that my labors & endeavours be not in vain in thee: & grant that I may joyn, with all my travels, desires & endeavors, faith with faith, knowledg with knowledg, temperance with temperance, patience with patience, godliness with godliness, brotherly kindred

kindnes with brotherly kindness; & with brotherly kindness, that I be not unfruitful in my calling, but may acknowledg thy Son Jesus Christ, and in him have peace of conscience, that I may be patient in troubles, long-suffering in wrongs, faithful in expecting hope in distress, rejoycing in heart, quieted in mind, in hope to enjoy at thy hands, & in thy good time whatsoever maketh for the true comfort of my soul, and the relief of my body; that in all true & inward feeling of thine aid, my calling may be made perfect, and sealed with the seal of thine own spiritual probation; so shall I thy unworthy servant be directed in the true knowledge of thee. O blessed Lord, and loving Father, except thou thus direct me, I cannot stand, but shall fall into many miseries: for no estate, no degree, no calling, office, function, or trade of life can prosper, or be rightly performed without thy continual aid, direction and providence: therefore good Lord guide me by thy Spirit, increase my faith, give me wisdom and ableness in all things, to execute my calling as I ought: and to the execution thereof, bless all my members, make them apt and ready instruments to perform their duties, that in no point

point I fail in a Christian proceeding therein : and bridle in me the nature of flesh and blood ; which , unless thou season my affections by thy Spirit , will so much the more glory , by how much that thou hast exalted me , and enabled me to live in this world in higher reputation than other men whereunto flesh and blood is ready to attribute chiefest hearts ease , and by that shift Satan many times moveth us to rest upon vain things . Wherefore , good Father , vouchsafe , I beseech thee , to grownd all my affections upon thy fear , that I be not miscarried in my calling from the true obedience of thee ; without which , neither honour , profit , wealth , wisdom , or any other blessing of thine can stand , relieve and comfort me : be present therefore , dear Father , with me , & grant that all things that I take in hand , may begin in knowledge , proceed in fear , and end in love , that the whole course of my life may be blessed with good effect in all mine interprises , that neither mine enemies rejoyce at my miseries , the godly be offended at my rashness , nor my estate hindred by my foolishness : grant this , good Lord , for thy dear Son sake Jesus Christ ; to whom be all honour and glory for ever . Amen .

Prayer

Prayers for Thursday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever. Dispose my heart, open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is Merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple; I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn thou again unto my rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon his Name.

For why? the Lord is on my side, therefore I will not fear what man can do unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help

help me, Therefore shall I see my defence upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in man : it is better to trust in the Lord, than to put any confidence in Princes.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

The right hand of the Lord hath obtained preeminence, the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I will not dye but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me, but he hath not given me over to death.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee, thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever. Glory be to the Father, &c.

A devout Prayer to God the Father.

O Most blessed Lord, and loving Father, I wretched sinner do here as at thy hands mercy and grace, who am to thy sight most weak to stand in thy truth, and most frail to fall, and to break thy bo-

commandments, by the keeping of which we are known to be thy true servants, and by nothing else. O most merciful Lord God, I acknowledge my self daily to break the same : but where I have thus offended, I humbly ask of thee mercy and forgiveness; and Lord, for the true performance of the same, I humbly ask of thee strength to make me stand strong in faith, knowledg to work thy blessed will, the power to resist all errour and wicked imagination, thy wisdom to know the truth; for I confess and know O Lord, that all worldly wit, policy, knowledge and strength is but foolishnesse in thy sight. Therefore I ask and continua'ly crave, O Lord, that thy holy Spirit may guide all the imaginations, thoughts, and desires of my heart, so that it may be my spiritual heart, and not my fleshly heart : for the most perfect among the children of men, lacking the wisdom, shall not be regarded; for the thoughts of mortal men are miserable, and our forecassings are uncertain : and why this corruptible body is so heavy to my soul that it keepeth down my understanding, that it museth most on vain things; wherefore good Lord beseech thee, comfort my sick soul, that it may walk in thy wayes, and work thy will;

will; and like as thou knowest the secret
of my heart, and the desires of the same
and how I would walk in thy truth, and
work in the works of the same truth :
Lord, I beseech thee, refresh my soul ac-
cording to thy mercifull calling, that I may
be stedfast in the true faith, and that I may
never swerve from the holy & most blessed
Ordinances of the Church; but that I may
use them, receive them, and honour them
in them, according to thy most holy will
as in things which thou hast left to declare
thy love unto us, and to assure our hope
and exercise our faith, that it should not be
idle or wavering; for all things are possible
unto thee, though they seem never so im-
possible unto us. O most loving Father,
know that by my sins I am not worthy thy
blessed comfort and help, in this trouble
some time of temptation, and trying
our faith; for that I am as one laden with
ignorance, not knowing the height of thy
high mysteries, nor the deceitfulness of
subtil arguments of my ghostly enemy,
which daily doth assault my sinful soul,
that I can find no rest : therefore O Lord,
like as thou knowest my will and heart
desire is to serve thee, and live and die in
thy perfect faith : so I beseech thee never to

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suffer the subtil perswasions contrary to thy truth, to take place or root in my heart; but like as thou hast created my heart, and given me a will to order the same, so Lord most meekly yeild the same again into thy hands, desiring thee by thy holy Spirit so to direct my wayes, that they may be acceptable in thy sight, now and for ever, through Jesus Christ my Saviour; to whom with the holy Ghost, be all honour and Glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to obtain the true love of
God.*

O Lord my God; teach me thy humble servant, teach my heart, I beseech thee, with what reverence it should think of thee; tell my soul with what delight it should love thee: give my tongue some power to pour forth praises unto thee; correct my weakness, recreate my hope, direct my desires, finish the work thou hast begun, and bring me to the fulness of thy mercy. O Lord my God, I bow the neck of my soul under the feet of thy Majesty, and in the lowest degree of reverence, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks. yeild thee praises, O Lord, although
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base and bare, far unanswerable to thy desires; yet something my weakness is bound to perform, namely, to settle my mind to behold and love thee. O that my heart should so languish with thy love, that it might melt the moisture of my body into tears! O that the bowels of my soul were so inflamed with thy love that it might consume all drossie desires, dry up the very marrow of my bones! O that I were sick for the love of him who died for the love of me! Lord, although I be not worthy so to love thee, yet art thou much more to be loved than I can express; therefore do not so deny me of that whereof I acknowledge my self unworthy, that thy self be deprived of that thou art most worthy: and grant, O Lord, I beseech thee, for thy mercies sake, to my soul, that it may love thee as thou hast desired, that I may be worthy to give thee, which thou art worthy to receive; so that I then be worthy of that whereof now I am most unworthy: O most dear Lord, I feel in my heart a weak warmth of thy love, but my prayer is, that the coals were thoroughly kindled with desire, and blown with delight into a full flame: O sacred fire, how comfortably dost thou burn? O heavenly light, how sweetly dost thou shine

how desirous are they more and more to
burn whom thou dost inflame? how are
they delighted whom thou dost enlighten?
O my God, hear O light of mine eyes,
increase my desire, and grant my request,
stop not thine ears against me because of my
sins, endue my soul with thy love, sub-
due my flesh with thy fear, that I may al-
wayes think of thee jointly both with trem-
bling and trust: settle the love of thee in
me, and the care of me in thee; let my
prayer come unto thee, and thy mercy unto
me; let the joy of thy happiness remain
with me, and the compassion of my miseries
with thee, let my heart love thee, let my
flesh fear thee, & let my whole substance
in this world joy wholly in thee, that I may
enjoy thee wholly in the world to come, by
thee, O Christ, who art my Saviour and
Deliverer; to whom belongeth all power
and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer in heart to feel spiritual
Comforts.*

O Lord God and most dear Father,
now I fully know the heart of man is
poor in his own power; for thou hast taught
me by the diminishing thy Spirit of comfort
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in my heart, that it is thou only who makest joyful the heart of man; and who diminishest the same joy according to thy good pleasure and will: Therefore O dear Father, I beseech thee to send me thy most blessed comfort, and strength of faith into my heart, to fill the same with spiritual joy; and that by the working of thy holy Spirit in me, the comfortable promises of thy merciful protection may be sealed in my heart, and sink deep into my soul, that I may be fully assured that thou art my strong rock and house of defence, that thou dost keep me as the apple of thine eye, and that thou wilt not lay more upon me than thou wilt give me strength to abide; but that thou wilt assuredly at thy appointed time, renew my heart, and the whole power, of my mind, that I may fully glorify thy Name. Thy holy Spirit, Lord, in me (which is the assurance of my salvation) doth continually send forth unspeakable sighs and longings for thy faithful and joyful presence: I beseech thee therefore, O dear Father, for thy Son Jesus sake, hearken to my prayers, and grant my requests: make tender my hard and stony heart by thy holy Spirit, that I may from the bottom of my heart acknowledge

thee to be my most merciful God and Father, and all things in thy holy Word to be most certain and true, and reverently embrace the same, & in my soul to take comfort and joy of the same, that I may even to my lives end walk before thee in sincerity of heart, being assured of my salvation, through that one alone sacrifice for my sins, made by thy dear Son *Jesus Christ*; to whom with thee and the holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever. Amen.

A fruitful Petition to God.

O Lord God of infinite wisdom; inspire my heart, and direct my choice, that I may not think nor utter any thing before thy Majesty, but that which thou knowest to be expedient for me to ask, and glorious for thee to give. Turn not my prayer, good Lord, into perdition, nor my suit into sin; for thou art the God of my fathers, on whom I wholly depend; save me for thy mercies sake; O save me as I have alwayes put my trust in thee; and when through the perverseness and froward disposition of my nature, I fall into any wickedness and sin, leave me not, good Lord, unto them; acquit me from the inordi-

inordinate lust of the body ; let no defilement
 of uncleanness take hold upon me , and
 give me not over to an unshamefast and ob-
 stinate mind. Lord here I stand, vile wretch
 before the throne of thy dreadfull presence
 hoping that I shall be heard , not in the
 faintness of my faith , but in the power of
 my promises. Oh weigh my weakness ,
 grant my desires , as thou knowest me
 meet for me ; then can I want nothing , and
 my conscience shall be comforted with
 spiritual consolation in Jesus Christ ;
 whom with thee , O Father , and the holy
 Spirit , be ascribed all power and glory for
 ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be ingrafted into Christ.

O Lord , it is of mercy without merit
 that I am a branch of the Vine *Jesus*
 that I am the House and Temple of the
Holy Ghost : It is of justice that thou hast
 appointed thy House to be a place of prayer
 and of duty , therefore that we should pray
 unto thee ; For this , O Lord , I thank thee
 that thou hast made me thy childe , to love
 me ; and I acknowledge , that of duty I am
 bound to serve thee ; but give me O Lord
 the grace of thy Spirit to conduct me in

way of thy will : cleanse or create a new heart within me, that I may be a fit lodging for thee, and yield up the savoury sacrifice unto thee, which thou requirest of every Christian ; I mean the sacrifice of prayer, the sacrifice of the heart, which savoureth sweetly unto thee. And at this time, in hope of the assistance of thy holy Spirit, I desire thee, that as thou hast of mercy covered me under thy wings of safety ; so thou wilt defend and keep me from all the storming rages of Satan, who is wont not only by day, but also, and that especially, by night, to undermine man when his senses are fettered in bands of rest ; but I hope, O good Lord, that as I am then most unable, & at all times else to withstand the buffets and assaults of Satan, so thou wilt be most ready to succour me ; and partly, because thereby thou shalt unlock the riches of thine infinite mercy and pity, and partly, because thou lovest every thing which thy hands have made. For which, and for all other thy blessings, I yield thee all honour, power & glory, which is due only to thy blessed Majesty, for ever, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer against evil imaginations.

O Lord cleanse my heart I do beseech thee from all impure & wicked cogitations & thoughts; give me a clear conscience, shame-fac'd eyes, modest hands, a tongue to tell the truth: and, seeing there is nothing hid that shall not be discovered, good Lord I beseech thee to search my thoughts, and renew in me thy holy Spirit; direct my feet in thy wayes, the walking after thee in the path of the righteous, I may pass through this vail of misery, bearing thy banner stoutly in my warfare, and in the end obtain everlasting joy, the promise hire of such as have borne thy Cross, and valiantly fought with the armour of faith against temptations and all evil; vouchsafe O Lord to grant all the my supplications and petitions, for thy dear Sons sake, Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all power and glory forever. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, the giver of all good things, & the protector of all those that love thee, I yield thee most humble and hearty thanks, not only for keeping and preserving me this day, but all my life; that neither my enemies have prevailed against me as they sought, nor any other danger which in this world is incident unto mankind hath overcome me, but hast like a loving Father & careful purveyor, given & provided for me all things necessary; for which thine inestimable love, I cannot sufficiently praise thee. O Lord forgive mine offences which this day I have committed and done against thy Almighty Majesty: pardon them O God, for Jesus Christ his sake, and vouchsafe me thy grace to amend my life, and to return unfainedly to the serving of thee; And forasmuch as I cannot continue without thy continual protection, vouchsafe to extend the same unto me thy wretched creature this night, that I may quietly take my rest, which thou hast appointed for the refreshing of my wearied and weak body; And further, I beseech thee O Lord, to guard & defend me, that

nothing hurt me; keep me also good Lord
from sudden and unprovided death,
preserve me by the watch of thy holy An-
gell, that I may take my rest this night
thee untill the morning, and then give me
self to the fulfilling of my duty, and the
discharge of my vocation, and the doing
thy will unto my lives end; for which thy
favor, I humbly beseech thee, and for all
things else necessary for me, and for all
other whom thou hast commanded us
pray for; and namely, for all such as are
any kind of affliction in body or mind
for the testimony of thy truth, that thou
wilt strengthen them & thy whole Church
in pure Religion; and here, O Lord I be-
seech thee to embrace me with the arms
thy mercy; vouchsafe to receive me in
the bosom of thy love, shadow me with thy
wings, that I may safely take my rest
thee this night, in the Name of thy Son Je-
sus Christ, in whose Name I refer myself
wholly to thy loving protection, beseeching
thee that when this life shall end, my
sleep being come, I may take my everlast-
ing rest with thee in thy eternal Kingdom
for the which Kingdom, I do heartily be-
seech thee of thine inestimable goodness
both of my self and all other thy dear

Longer, that we may attain the same, for the
glory of thy holy Name, and our endless
comfort; through the merits of thy dearly
beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for Friday Morning.

O Lord God and heavenly Father;
blessed be thy Name for ever: Dis-
pose my heart, open my lips, and give me
thy holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

MY soul truly waiteth still upon
God, for of him cometh my
salvation.

In God is my help and my
glory, thee rock of my might, and in
God is my trust.

I called upon him with my mouth, and
gave him praise with my tongue.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing
that I long for, thou art my hope even from
my youth.

Through thee have I been holpen up even
since I was born, thou art he that took me

out of my mothers womb, my praise shall be alwayes of thee.

Wherefore praised be God which hath not cast out *my* prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

O let *my* mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

Cast me not away in time of age, forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know no other thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord thy God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

For thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now, therefore will I tell of thy wondrous works.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done, O God, who is like unto thee?

O what troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me, and yet didst thou turn and refresh me, yea, broughtest me from the depth of the earth again.

Therefore will I praise thee, & thy faithfulness, O God, which art the holy One of Israel.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long, for there is no end thereof. *Glory, &c.*

A Morning Prayer.

O Lord, the glorious face of the Sun which sheweth it self, and casteth its beams over the whole world, I take it for an argument and earnest peny of thy good will toward thy children, in the number of whom I account my self, though chief of sinners, & not worthy to loose the latchet of thy shoos; for if we enjoy such a benefit in this strange country together with thine enemies, then what joyous lights, what store of thy goodness shall we reap in our natural country, the blisful Land of Canaan where we shall not see this worldly Sun, but thee, even thee, good Lord, face to face, the Son of thy glory, and only Star of Majesty! Such joyes, O Lord, shall we have in the beholding of thee, as neither the eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor heart ever conceived: such joyes I say, as pass the reach, not only of man, but also of Angels, to esteem: blessed are the doore-keepers of this house of joy, where thou O Lord, the Son of righteousness, dost

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most clearly spread forth the beams of thy divine power. Oh how long shall I live in this prison, how long shall I journey in this body of sin? wherefore, O God of comfort, and Father of mercy, I do not doubt but that as I wander in this field of vanity, so thou wilt recal me by the light of thy Gospel to thine house, thereto dwell and reign for ever, Amen.

An humble Confession to Almighty God.

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, I present my self before thy Majesty, defiled with the filthiness of many and most grievous sins, whereof I do confess I am not able to answer thee one of a thousand, if thou, O Lord, shouldest enter into judgement with me! for in sin was I born, and therefore am guilty of original corruption, and in sin have I lived and continued, and therefore stand guilty of actual transgression, which hath broken forth upon me in thought, word and deed, from time to time, continually, even unto this present hour: wherefore, I humbly crave thy mercy, and the grace of forgiveness in Jesus Christ: for therein I confess, O Lord,

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standeth the only hope of my comfort and salvation : And forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to give thine own Son to be a slain sacrifice for our sins, and to offer the grace of reconciliation, by preaching the Gospel to all them that repent and believe the same : good Lord I beseech thee vouchsafe to make me of that blessed number ; work true repentance in my heart, increase my faith, and give me grace to bring forth the fruits thereof, that so it may appear that I have not received thy grace in vain : and for this purpose, good Lord I beseech thee bless the Ministers of thy Word : and give them grace to speak it as it ought to be spoken, and give thy people grace to hear it attentively, to believe it steadfastly, and to follow it obediently : that so serving thee faithfully in this life, we may live and reign with thee for ever in the life to come. Amen.

A Prayer for the increase of Faith.

O Almighty God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ : by thy Word we are taught to love thee, fear thee, and serve thee ; and in true godliness and sincerity of heart, is the only way and means to continue in thy love and favour towards us, without which

which we cannot but perish : and that belief and confidence in thy Son Jesus Christ, is the only means of our redemption and attonement with thee, and the only hold of our salvation, whereof we cannot be sufficiently assured without thy special gift of faith, which is the anchor whereto the cable of our salvation is fastened; which being broken, the hope of our salvation cannot but decay and be of none effect : vouchsafe therefore, O most mercifull God, to plant one spark of true faith in my heart; and that it may grow to such perfection, that I may know thee, perfectly love thee, duely fear thee, and unfeignedly acknowledge Jesus Christ to be sent into this wretched world to save us miserable sinners : O Lord grant me to take such hold of his Death and Passion, Resurrection and Ascension, that by his Death I may have pardon, and by his Resurrection rise to righteousness, and by his Ascension ascend with him to thy celestial glory; and finally attribute the cause and means of my salvation to proceed only of his Passion : increase this faith in me, good Lord, daily more and more, that it may grow by the working of thy holy Spirit to full perfection, accompanied with good works and godly behaviour, without the
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which I confess that faith cannot be : withhold not from me , good Lord, that singular gift of thine which is the stay of my happiness ; and the want thereof, a most certain token of my perdition ; no good thing is wanting to him on whom thou vouchsafest to bestow this gift ; to him all things are light, and in him remaineth no darkness at all : banish most sweet Lord therefore all misbelief, all wavering and doubting out of my heart , and plant instead thereof unfeigned faith , that applying the same to every affliction both of body and mind, I may vanquish and overcome Satan, withstand the delights of this world , and suppress the corruptible motions of the flesh , and enjoy at thy good pleasure health of body, and soundness of mind, and all things requisite for me. A most precious jewel is faith ; for thou hast said, that whosoever heareth the Word, and believeth in Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent, shall have everlasting life ; then on the contrary, he that believeth not, is in danger of everlasting death. O Lord increase my faith, wherein I may believe in that thy Son, and take hold of all his promises ; who said, that whosoever believeth in him shall want no manner of thing that is good , Lord I believe,

believe, help my unbelief, and give me faith; yea, but as a grain of mustard-seed, and I shall be able to remove Satan out of his desired habitation, and to expel him and his ministers, and walk no longer according to the will of the flesh; but casting away the works of darkness, enjoy the pure light of the Gospel, and persevere and abide therein without fainting, in any tribulation or vexation of spirit, going forward in hope, in fear, in love, and unfeigned zeal towards thee, and obtain at thy merciful hands whatsoever is necessary in this life; and after this life ended, enjoy thy celestial inheritance; which grant me for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake, to whom be all honour, &c.

*A Prayer or Thanksgiving for the
Passion of Christ.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, God and man, we thank thee for that of thy only and free mercy; without any works or worthiness at all of ours, thou hast redeemed us miserable sinners, through thy most innocent and holy Passion: O sweet Jesus, how bitter and great were thy pains? how horrible and cruel thy punishment?

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how grievous and lamentable thine afflictions? how bloody thy wounds? thy dolours how divers? and thy death how shameful, which thou suffered for us? O how inestimable was thy love, that moved thee to endure such and so great torments to reconcile us to thy Father! in the Mount of Olives, through our infinite sins lighting upon thee, thou didst sweat (contrary to our nature) blood, that the drops like blood trick'ed upon the earth, and so after a marvellous manner blood came out of thee, being expelled by the resolutions of the Spirits, nature being broken and languishing by reason of thine intolerable sorrows and torments: and thy Disciples being fled, thou wast, and also didst most voluntarily commit thy self into the hands of most cruel Jews, which brought thee most rigorously bound, without compassion, from the presence of one corrupt Judge unto another more cruel, where thou wast most unjustly condemned; thy blessed body was so mangled, that even an Ethnick pitying the same, uttered these words; *Behold the man!* Finally, for our enormous offences, thou wast afflicted with a most odious kind of death, and so in the extremity of pain thou didst give up the Ghost, commending the

the same unto thy Father in wonderful patience; that so by thy torments having quickened us from all guiltiness, as well of fault as of punishment, we might be healed; to this end thou didst bear the burden of our sins upon the wood of the Cross, that thou mightest recover the peace of souls, and obtain the true righteousness for as many as believe in thee: wherefore, O Jesus Christ thou Son of the living God, for these torments and all other thy passions, I will honour and praise thee for ever, beseeching thee most humbly, that thy passions may work and take effect in me; and that always being mindful of the same, I may rejoice therein, and make it a comfort for my self against all the temptations of Satan, and the fear of sin and the Law, and that thy Cross may be an example unto me; that walking in thy steps, I render not rebuke, but for rebuke may imitate thy long suffering, praying for such as persecute and oppress me; and finally, that I may so think upon, and celebrate the cause of thy death, that the consideration thereof may utterly extinguish all the flames of unlawful concupiscence, and bury the inticements of the flesh, and nourish the love of virtue within me: that so being wholly dead unto sin, I may

live unto righteousness, and serve thee which
barest our sins in thy body upon the Cross,
which livest and reignest with God the Fa-
ther in the unity of the Holy-Ghost, one
God for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for mercy for our offences.

O Lord I am a grievous sinner, I have
passed and broken the banks of thy
Commandments from the womb to this day;
I have with the Pyrate Satan, sailed in the
ship of iniquity, so that I may say with
Paul, *I am chief of all sinners.* This
must I needs confess to thee thou God of
justice, and this worm of conscience bite
me; what then good Lord, shall the worm
devour me? shall this snake of conscience
bring me to death? What, good Lord, is
the stream of thy mercy stoped? are the
Rivers of thy grace dried up? dost thou
not call me, saying, Come unto me? Yea,
good Lord, and therefore despair I will not,
it is not thy will that any sinner should pe-
rish; and thou hast not only said it but sworn
that thou wilt not the death of a sinner,
but rather his conversion and life. Behold
therefore dear Father, I come unto thee,
being a grievous offender, in hope of par-
don,

don, in the Name of thy Son, who by
own testimony came into this world to
sinners : he was content to blot out that
obligation which Satan had against me,
the flood of his most precious blood which
issued out of his glorious side. In this
he hath washed away the leprosie of
were in never so desperate, O Lord
gracious God, I have wasted my days
vanity, I have from time to time trod
under my feet the pearls of Christian pro
fession; even from the womb have I been
rebellious traytor to thy Majesty, a friend
to this world, to godliness an enemy. *Now*, O Lord I cry unto thee, forgive me
forgive me; Now I come unto thee, there
fore cover me with the wings of thy mercy
that I perish not; good Lord accept thy
Sons merits, for a satisfaction for my sins
drown them in the stream of thy mercy
and cast them behind thee for ever, good
Lord I beseech thee. Oh sweet Lord look
upon me with thy most precious and pitious
eye, lest that be destroyed which thou
thy great goodness hast made, and Christ
thy Son of inestimable love, and infinite
charity hath redeemed, through his bitter
passion, This is the total sum unto thee
all my suit, O Lord, mercy, mercy,
Father

by Father of mercy; mercy is the thing that I
 to beg, have mercy and pity upon me; be
 hat thou my shepheard to defend me, my Castle
 e, of defence to save me against the power of
 which the Devil: thou hast store of mercy for
 is pa them that ask it; Therefore, O Lord, for
 of the wounds of thy dear Son have mercy up-
 rd a me: let not sin sting me to death, but
 says ay to my sore soul the salve of thy mercy:
 rodde grant this, O dear Father, of thy merciful
 a pa compassion; to whom be all glory for ever,
 been and for ever, World without end. Amen.

A fruitful Prayer to God the Father.

O Lord my God, wherein is my hope
 fixed in this life, or what is my great-
 est comfort of all things that are any where
 under the cope of heaven, but only thou
 my Lord and God, whose mercy is infinite?
 when was it with me well if thou wert ab-
 sent, or ill if thou wert present? doubtless,
 I would rather chuse to be poor for thee,
 than rich without thee, and rather to be
 with thee a pilgrim on earth, than without
 thee to possess Heaven: where thou art,
 there is joy and peace of conscience; where
 thou art not, there is woe and destruction;
 thou alone art the thing I desire, and there
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is none can assist me in my troubles but thou alone O God : thou art my hope, thou art my confidence, thou art my comforter in all things most faithfully : all men seek their own, but thou desirest nothing but my welfare, and turnest all things for me to good, therefore in thee my Lord and God, I place all my confidence, on thee I do lay all calamities and troubles; for without thee whatsoever I behold, is as frail and transitory : For neither can friends profit, nor strong men help, nor wise men counsel well, nor learned books comfort, nor riches save, nor secret place hide, unless thou be present to help, strengthen, comfort, instruct and keep : for whatsoever seems to belong to the attainment of peace and felicity without thee, is nothing, and bringeth indeed no felicity at all; so that thou art the chiefest end and perfection of life, and that in thee to trust, above all things is the chiefest comfort of thy servant. O my God and Father of mercy, bless, make my soul holy with celestial happiness, that it may be thy sacred habitation and temple purged from all filthiness. O Lord according to the greatness of thy mercy, look upon me, and hear the supplications of thy poor servant, living far off a banished

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man, in a savage country : Protect and
keep the soul of thy servant , among so
many dangers of this mortal life , and bring
me by the conduction of thy favour into the
country of eternal glory , through Jesus
Christ my Lord and Saviour ; to whom be
all honour , power and glory for ever and
ever. Amen.

Prayers for Friday Night.

O Lord my God and Father , blessed
be thy Name for ever. Dispose my
heart, open my lips, and give, &c.

A Psalm.

With my whole heart have
I sought thee, O let me
not go wrong out of
thy commandments.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and
take not thy ho'y Spirit from me.
O give me the comfort of thy help again ;
stablish me with thy free Spirit.
Stablish thy word in thy servant , that I
may

may fear thee, and turn away mine eyes
lest they behold vanity, and quicken thou
me in thy way.

So shall I alwayes keep thy law, yea
for ever and ever.

Yea at midnight I will rise to give thanks
unto thee, because of thy righteous judg-
ments.

O let thy merciful kindness be my com-
fort, according to thy Word unto thy ser-
vant.

And let thy loving mercies come unto me
that I may live, for thy law is my delight.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation
and I have a good hope because of thy
Word.

O how sweet are thy words unto my
throat! yea, sweeter than honey unto my
mouth.

Through thy commandments I get un-
derstanding, therefore I hate all wicked
ways.

Order my steps in thy Word, so shall
wickedness have dominion over me.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee
and thy judgments shall help me.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost
O seek thy servant, that I do not forget thy

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Commandments. *Glory be to the Father,*

A Prayer for the suppressing of corrupt affections.

O My God and most loving Father, I do acknowledg that I have most highly offended thy sacred Majesty, by my sins and most filthy life, and have provoked thee to anger by my abominable wickedness: wherefore, O Lord be merciful to me, and pardon me this great wickedness; look not upon me, good Father, with the eyes of Justice, neither do thou draw against me the sword of Judgement; then how shall I that am but dust and ashes stand in thy sight, when thy wrathfull indignation cometh forth as a whirlwind, and thy heavy displeasure as a mighty tempest; seeing the earth trembleth, the depths are discovered, and the very Heavens are shaken when thou art angry? Exercise not therefore, good Lord, thy fury against me, that am but as chaff before the wind, and as stubble against a flaming fire: Though I have sinned grievously in thy sight, pressing my wicked desires before thy holy commandments, esteeming the pleasure of

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a moment before eternal and everlasting joyes; yet am I bold, O merciful Father, to prostrate my self before the Throne of thy Majesty, heartily to beseech, and humbly to intreat thee, that thou wilt not deal with me according to my deserts; for I have none in heaven to fly unto but thee, nor on the earth of whom I may receive any comfort, but at thy fatherly hands, which are stretched out day and night, to receive us that by earnest repentance turn unto thee, and to refresh their distressed consciences wherefore, O Lord, in the multitude of thy mercies I approach unto thee, desiring thee to look down from the height of thy sanctuary, upon me poor and wretched sinner, and to wipe away mine offences, and to blot out my misdeeds, especially those my ungracious, unclean, and godly acts, that they may not come up in remembrance with thee, nor be imputed to me for ever.

For thy Sons sake, O Lord, in whom thou art well pleased, and in whom thou wast fully satisfied upon the Cross for my sins, grant me free pardon and remission in that I have so foolishly, by my exceeding frailty committed against thee; but quicken thou me O Lord that art the fountain of

and call thou out of heaven thy dwelling
place, that my wandring soul may hear the
voice of her shepheard, and follow thee
wheresoever thou leadeft. O give me thy
helping hand, and by thy Spirit cast down,
subdue, and mortifie my raging lusts and
affections; let me not any longer be occu-
pied in ungodliness, lest mine enemies
triumph over me: pluck up, O my good
Father, these roots of bitternes, that no
favoury fruit may come of the Tree,
which thou of thine own hand hast planted.
O my desire, I look, I call, I cry for thy assi-
stance, that I may conquer and subdue all
the sinful and unruly motions of my heart.
O blessed Saviour, that hast granted so
many petitions upon earth, to them that
were carefull for the body, fulfil I pray thee
this my desire: mortifie good Father in me
this old body of sin, and give unto me a new
body, purged from these works, to serve
the living God: renew my spirit dayly,
that I may cast away these works of darknes:
that thy should my body, made by thy hands,
or my soul framed according to thy Image,
be given over as a prey into the hands of Sa-
tan: deliver me, O Lord, from the snare
of the hunter, and preserve me from the
hand of mine enemy, who lieth in wait for
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my spiritual life, and laboureth for my everlasting destruction. To thee I fly O Lord for succour, hide me therefore under the shadow of thy hand, that none of the fiery darts of Satan take hold on me. And so good Lord, to conclude, for the love thou bearest unto mankind, for thy sake Jesus Christ, who hath taken our nature upon him, grant that I may not be tempted above my strength, but that in all temptations I may fly unto thee, as my only comfort and salvation, and that thou wilt of thy mercy and goodness, give me grace and desire to withstand all the motions of my sinful flesh and affections: which word of thine, I beseech thee, O Lord, to perfect and fully accomplish in me, that I may do all things pleasing in thy sight ever. Amen.

A Prayer for redress of a sinful life

O Most merciful God and dear Father, grant that with heart I desire thee, with desiring seek thee, in seeking find thee, in finding that I love thee, and, by loving thee, that I turn not again to my former sins which thou hast redeemed: give me O Lord, a repentant heart, and a constant

Spirit : quench in me O King of glory,
the lust of my flesh, and kindle in me the
fire of thy love. O my Redeemer take
from me the spirit of pride, and most fa-
vourably enrich me with the treasure of
humility; remove from me, O my Saviour,
the fury of anger, and graciously arm me
with the shield of patience: O my Creator,
root out of me all rancor, and endue me
with a cheerful and meek heart, and bestow
upon me a perfect faith, right hope, and
constant love: preserve me from all vanity;
inconstancy of mind, wavering of heart,
stiffness of tongue, wicked slandering;
from the vice of hypocrisie, the poyson of
flattery, contempt of the poor, oppression
of the weak, from greedy avarice, cankered
envy, and deadly blasphemy: root
out of me, O Lord and Maker, rash-
boldness, contumacy, frowardness, ne-
gligence, idleness, blindness of heart,
obstinacy of mind, savage conditions, con-
tempt of that good is, rigor towards my
neighbour: O my God and merciful Fa-
ther, I beseech thee in Jesus Christ, to
bless me with the works of mercy, and zeal
of goodliness: to suffer with the afflicted;
to minister to the needy, to counsel them
that go astray, to comfort the sorrowful, to

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pardon them that trespass against me, to love them that hate me, to render good for evil, to imitate the good, to beware of evil, and to embrace virtue, to guard the door of my mouth, to watch the enemies that compass my lips, to dispise worldly things, and earnestly to thirst after the heavenly : through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour ; to whom be all honour and glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for continual remembrance
of our end.*

O God the only giver of life, and the maintainer and preserver thereof, and the life after death : grant me due consideration, that this body of mine is builded upon an earthly foundation, and framed of the substance of dust and clay, which is not durable, the glory whereof vanisheth like the flower of the field, which is soon cut down and withered ; the body is the mansion, or rather the prison of the soul, and the same so frail, weak and feeble, subject to so many causes that procure the dissolution of body and soul, that death often happeneth when we think least thereof : wherefore grant, O God of my life,

that I may have such continual care, fore-
sight, and diligent respect unto the direction
of my doings, cogitation, and words, as
shall load not my poor soul so much with the
burden of senseless security, sin and iniquity,
that the body being suddenly intangled with
the snare of death, be carried where there
is no rest nor joy, but continual mourning
and anguish of mind : O my most loving
father, lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not
in sin, nor wander in darkness, according
to the will of the flesh; but make me alwayes
willing to come unto thee, even with desire,
when it pleaseth thee to call me : let me not,
when it were, draw backward when thou
invitest me to the sweet banquet of thy
heavenly Kingdom, as by thy Word and
Gospel preached and revealed unto us,
which is an especial calling of us : and
when I feel my self grieved or vexed with
any kind of sickness or disease, which is
another of thy calling of us, and an espe-
cial warning that we must die : yea, and
when I am at my daily business, or when I
eat or drink, when I am in my best tempe-
rature and health, at all times, and in all
places give me grace to think that death
standeth at my elbows alwayes ready to
take me, and that I sleep not in sin and

security, and the time suddenly come of my departure, and so be taken unprovided and perish without repentance. O Lord such is the blindness of our nature, that we think this world a continual being for us, covet even with greediness to see many dayes, where we heap sin upon sin, to the overburdening of our poor souls, seldom or not at all thinking to die: but grant my most sweet Lord, that as I desire to live, so I may have a greater desire to live well, that I may make an happy end, abandoning the fear of death, that the cogitation thereof may dwell in peace within the mansion of my heart, and when it shall approach near unto me, I fly not from it, but that I may go forth with joy to meet it: considering that it is a mean to end my wo's, and to begin my joy; it is the finishing of sorrow, and the entrance into blis, where is nothing but joy unspeakable; and contrary here on earth, nothing but care and woe; which moved thy servant *Job* to call this life a warfare, where is nothing but conflicts between the flesh and the spirit, daily increase of sin, and continual care of vanity.

① God give me a careful heart to love thee; while I live here give me continual fear, unfeigned zeal, perfect faith, and godly

golly care to do good unto all men, and earnest desire to come unto thee, who art the end of all trouble and labour, the beginning of blifs, the end of death, and the beginning of life; whereunto sweet Lord, grant that with unfeigned desire, I may faithfully endeavour my self to come, where thy Son is gone before to direct us the way, and making all those that thou dost with the lamp of true faith burning in their hearts, partakers of the everlasting joys thereof: In number of whom, O sweet Lord, accept me here, and cleanse me from all my sins, that I may appear among them in the world to come, through the same thy Son Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praise and glory ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ for heavenly comfort.

O Jesus, grant I beseech thee, I may rest and repose my self in thee before any creature, before all honour, power, dignity and consolation, over and above all grace and promise; yea, and above all the bliss of heaven. O when shall it be fully granted unto me, that I shall forsake my self,

self, and see how sweet and pleasant thou art O Lord my God! O Jesus the brightness of eternal glory, the comfort of the wandering soul, my mouth is bent towards thee without speaking, and silent, speaks unto thee. How long will my Lord my God withdraw himself from coming unto me? come unto me thy servant, comfort me O Lord, thrust forth thy helping hand O God, and deliver me; for without thee there can be no restful day, nor quiet hour thou art my joy, thou art my comfort and without thee I am comfortless: O Jesus, infinite in pity, infinite in power, infinite also both in thy rewards, and in thy revenge; I am weak, but willing with my soul to love thee, with my flesh to fear thee, with my mind to honour thee, with my mouth to praise thee, and with my whole heart to serve thee; but alas I am so clogged with corruption, I am so drowned in flesh and blood, that I scarce either dare or can lift up my head, and look unto thee and yet why should I be ashamed when thou dost invite me? Why should I be faint when thou dost not only encourage, but also inable me, or at the least accept my weak endeavours? Strive then, O thou very bowels of my soul, strive with a

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self, O my soul, towards thy Creator;
name thy affections to love him for his
goodness, to honour him for his greatness,
rejoyce in him for his merits, to pray
unto him for his mercies, which dayly thou
most need, and by needing dost crave, and
craving dost obtain, if not according to
thy desires, yet very far above thy deserts;
therefore, blessed be thou O Lord my
God, which hast done this goodness unto
thy servant. What can I say more unto
thee O Lord, but humble my self in thy
sight, and be always mindful of mine iniqui-
ties and unworthiness; for of all the wonder-
full things in heaven and earth, there is
none like unto thee O Lord. Thy works
are excellent, thy judgments are upright;
and by thy providence all things are ground-
ed; O Father of wisdom, laud and praise
be unto thee; my mouth, my soul, and
all the powers of my heart shall praise thee
without ceasing O my God, both now and
forever. Amen.

*A fruitful Prayer at the end of
Prayer.*

O Most righteous God, for thy great mercies sake hearken to these my prayers which I have now made unto thee, and consider Lord the desires and thoughts of my heart, in thy mercy; and let mine unfeigned prayers enter into thine ears; hear, O Lord, for I am destitute of thy help, take care for my soul; save me thy unworthy servant, which wholly trusteth in thee; have mercy O Lord, have mercy upon me, for I will never cease crying unto thee for thy help and mercy. In the day time will I call on thee, and in the night my cry shall not be hid from thee. O thou God of the heavens, and maker of all creatures, hear me a most wretched creature, calling on thee; and take away from me all my sins, and make stedfast my faith and confidence in thee, and in thy promises; that putting my trust in them, may have as thou hast promised, everlasting life, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praise and glory, for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Eternal God, omnipotent and merciful Father, I prostrate my self before thy throne, beseeching thee in the Name of thy Son *Jesus Christ*, to blot out all my transgressions, by which I have offended thy divine Majesty this day; forgive Lord all the sins which from my youth I have done, and be merciful unto me; guide me with thy wisdom, that when I walk, it may go with me, when I sleep, it may keep me, and when I awake, I may talk thereof. O Lord be thou my watchman and protector this night, that troubles and vain cogitations do not invade me, neither the fear of death overwhelm me, nor my sleep in the night alter my thoughts and understanding when I should take rest; but grant me a good and quiet sleep, going unto my bed, which representeth my grave, that rising in the morning to render due praise and thanks unto thee my Protector, I may likewise at the day of Judgment rise as one of thy chosen children, upon thy right hand into heaven, where I may sing praises unto thy holy and blessed Name for ever.

Prayers for Saturday Morning.

O Lord my God and Father, bless
 be thy Name for ever. Dispossess
 heart, open my lips, and give me
 holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

WHOM have I in Heaven
 but thou O Lord, and
 there is none upon
 earth that I desire in

comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God
 is the strength of my heart, and my portion
 for ever.

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish
 and thou wilt destroy them that commit for-
 nication against thee.

But it is good for me to hold me fast by
 God, and to put my trust in my Lord God,
 and to speak of all his works.

For God is King of old, the help that is
 done upon earth he doth in himself.

Wherefore I will cry unto God with my
 voice, even unto God will I cry with my

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voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

When I am in heaviness I will think upon God, when my heart is vexed I will complain.

I have considered the dayes of old, and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song, and in the night I commune with mine own heart; and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever, and will he be no more intreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever; and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious and will he shut up his loving kindness in displeasure?

And I said it is mine own infirmity; but I will remember the years of the most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord; and call to mind the wonders of old time.

I will think of all thy works, and my thinking shall be of thy doings. *Glory, &c.*

A Morning Prayer.

O Almighty protector and keeper both of the souls and bodies of the faithful, I yield thee humble and hearty thanks, for defending

defending me, and saving me this night past, and all the rest of my life hitherto from sudden death, and from all other perils and dangers, whereunto my soul and weak body are subject to fall, and wherewith I am so beset, that had I not been preserved by thee, it could not otherwise have been, but my body had perished, and my soul been carried into everlasting perdition : But most sweet Lord, my succour and defence, who hath continual regard of the safety of thy servants, and never sufferest them to be overcome with any kind of danger, vouchsafe to forgive me whatsoever I have committed and done against thy divine Majesty, either sleeping or waking this night, or at any time secretly or openly heretofore, by reason of the corruption which remaineth in me : and grant that as I have by thy protection passed this night, so I may enjoy at thy merciful hands, whatsoever thy fatherly providence shall think meet and convenient for me, and so in hope of thy loving kindness and mercy, go forward this day, and all my life in perfect love, unfaigned zeal, and continual obedience to thy most blessed will; that so continuing unto the end, I may receive the reward of thy everlasting Kingdom, which thy Son Jesus hath purchased

past, purchased for all true believers in thee; in
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 and cies of him thy Son, make me, that I with
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 thee, nally, Amen.

A Confession to God for sin.

Most gracious God, and loving Father
 in Jesus Christ, I confess mine un-
 righteousness, which maketh me unworthy
 to come before thee, not only in regard of
 mine original corruption, which I traded
 from disobedient *Adam*, but in regard of
 my continual sins, and actual evils, which
 I daily commit against thee, whereby I
 cannot but be offensive unto thee, and ever
 loathsome in thy sacred eyes: but alas, such
 is mine estate, that being considered as it
 is, in and of my self, that I can bring forth
 no better fruits than the Tree of *Adams*
 disobedience; whose roots, as they are sin,
 so bear they sin in me, and consequently
 procure death and destruction: but dear
 Father, as by *Adam* sin entred and took
 hold of himself, and of all his posterity;
 by thy Son Jesus Christ we are all justifi-
 ed by our adoption into his righteousness of
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thy free love, if we take hold of thy promises in him, and become obedient unto thee : and therefore, dear Father, howsoever our corruptions, as they are in us of our selves, have bewrapped us in bondage to sin and death; so let thy Sons merits be unto us a sufficient rancome for our everlasting liberty; not only to come freely to the Throne of grace, but in the end to obtain the joyes eternally with him in heaven, who liveth and raigneth with thee and the holy Spirit for ever, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the true Worship of God.

O Most gracious God and loving Father, establish my heart and mind in the true Worship of thy divine Majesty : make me to believe thy holy and sacred Gospel, wherein I am daily and hourly instructed to love, fear, honour, and obey thee : to hate sin and iniquity, to renounce all superstitious ceremonies, whereby thy worship is defaced, thy glory prophaned, and thy honour greatly diminished : Give me grace to hate sin, and to renounce the vanities and wanton pleasures of this wicked world : and finally, give me power from above

above to withstand Satan the Prince of darkness, and all his damnable ministers, who by divers temptations provokes and allures us from godly purity, and perfect integrity, which passeth only from Christ Jesus to us, who is the fulness of our perfection and holiness, to all kind of evil, impiety and uncleanness: by means whereof thy glory is greatly prophaned, and of a set purpose contemned; make me, O Lord I beseech thee, by the power of a fruitful faith, to resist and bridle the concupiscence of my flesh, in such sort, that my soul may triumph with victory, and continue constant in worshiping thee, from whom passeth the fulness of my joy; prepare my heart and mind to spread forth the glory of thy Name; keep my tongue from all filthy talk, and uncomely gesture, least, by the exercises of such sin, I contemn thy worship, and provoke thee to displeasure against me; set thou a watch before the gates of my mouth, that my lips may by grace be made open to sound forth thy praise and glory; be merciful to mine offences, think thou not on my unrighteousness; but open thy clemency, forgive thou freely, and pardon graciously all my sins; make me faithful in Christ Jesus; shorten the dangerous dayes of iniquity;
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Increase the number of thy chosen and peculiar Saints ; hasten thy coming , O Saviour Christ , that I with the fellowship of thy Saints , heavenly Angles , and the blessed company of Martyrs , may celebrate thy praise , and worship thee in thy glorious kingdom , before thy Father , my God , and the Holy-Ghost ; to whom be all honour , praise and glory , for ever , Amen.

A Prayer taken out of the first Psalm.

O Almighty and most gracious God , take away from me I beseech thee all evil counsels , and then my sins ; suffer me not to run into an ungodly and wicked life , and finally , keep my mind far from the contempt of godliness , and scorning of virtue ; and in stead of these evils , grant that I may continually be occupied in thy Law and sacred Scriptures , and that I be not carried about like the wicked , as light dust , and fruitless chaff , with every blast of affection and doctrine ; but rather that I be as a Tree planted by the water-brooks , and endued with the life of thy Spirit and faith ; I may also by the same Spirit bring forth the fruit of good works ; and that whatsoever I take in hand it may prosper , and tend to thy praise

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praise and glory of thy Name, and further-
ance of my salvation; and that at the last,
when the wicked shall fall away in thy Judg-
ments, I may stand stedfast, and be made
perfect, through Jesus Christ my Lord and
Saviour for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to be unloosed of the bands
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the works of Satan in me; O thou
wicked seducer, thy works are destroyed,
thy bands are broken, thou shalt not take
or bind me: avoid sin, thou hast lost thy
thing, thou wast condemned in the flesh,
nailed to the Cross, and crucified with my
Lord Christ; avoid death, for thou art
dead; and hell, for thou art swallowed up
in victory; avoid thou Dragon and all thine
angels, for *Michael* hath beaten thee, and
broken thy head; he hath freed us from sin,
and led away captivity captive, even he
Satan, hath over-mastered thee, that cried
out unto me, Fear not, for I have overcome
the world; even he that hath promised to
be with me to the end of my pilgrimage,
and crieth out, that if he be with me, none
can be against me; fight therefore Satan as
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long as thou wilt, thou shalt at length be put to the foil; for the mighty Lion of the Tribe of *Juda* telleth me, that there is no condemnation to them that be in him; that Jesus is the Conquerour of the whole world, and vanquisher of thee, rage thou never so much; therefore I say, avoid from me, for in Christ Jesus I have passed the Sea of my sins, thy cursed army; and if thou follow to pursue me, thou shalt be drowned in the red Sea of Christs blood; to whom be all honour, power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven.

O Father, merciful and everlasting, be merciful unto me, and give me a feeling of thy blessed will; open unto me the way of true Knowledg, prepare my steps to walk aright, that in all the course of my life, I may be guided aright, and savour more of heavenly, than of earthly things; and let my whole delight be to meditate righteousness; let me embrace equity, and execute justice, and abound in love, mercy, sanctity and true holiness; and furnish me largely, good Lord, with all spiri-

spiritual graces, whereby I may continually seek thy everlasting Kingdom, and practice the righteousness thereof for ever; illuminate my understanding by thy Spirit, and let thy Word be my whole comfort, and the use thereof my continual delight; and abandon, good Lord, all superfluous care of worldly things from my thoughts, that I may by a continual holy meditation of thee, and things above, use the things of this life, as if I used them not; knowing this, and assuring my self by thy promise; that if I seek and covet to have my conversation on things spiritual, all temporal things shall be ministred unto me: all which my petitions, grant me, O Father, for thy dear Son, take Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Saturday Night.

O Lord my God and heavenly Father, blessed be thy Name for ever : Dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord, Lord hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If thou Lord, wilt be extream to mark, what is said, or done amiss, O Lord who may abide it?

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him, in his Word is my trust.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness, comfort thou me according to thy Word.

O take from me the way of lying, and cause thou me to make much of thy Law.

Make me to go in the paths of thy Commandments, for therein is my desire.

O take not the Word of thy truth utter'y

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out of *my* mouth, for *my* hope is in thy
Judgments.

I will never forget thy Commandments,
for with them thou hast quickned me.

Wherefore, O ye that fear the Lord,
trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is
mercy, and with him is plenteous redempti-

on.
For when I called unto thee, thou heard-
st me, and enduedst my soul with much
strength.

And though I walk in the midst of trouble,
yet shalt thou refresh me.

The Lord shall make good his loving
kindness towards me, yea, thy mercy, O
Lord, endureth for ever, despise not then
the works of thine own hands.

Wherefore I will praise the Lord, for the
Lord is gracious, O let us sing praises unto
his Name, for it is lovely.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for e-
ver, so doth thy memorial, O Lord from
generation to generation. Glory be, &c.

*A most fruitful Prayer for a blessed
and godly life.*

O Merciful Father, the honour of my salvation, and my defender, in whom I only put my whole trust; I unhappy wretch, have many ways stirred thee up. I have done evil before thy face, I have provoked thy displeasure, I have sinned, and thou hast suffered me; I have offended, and yet thou sustaineest me: yea, and beside all this, while I defer from time to time, thou tarriest for me. O Lord the God of my health, I cannot tell what to answer thee, there is no place to fly from thee, or to hide me; thou shewest me the way to live well, and givest me knowledge how to go: wherefore, O Father of mercy, and God of consolation, strike my heart with thy fear, that with fearing I may escape those things which thou treatest; and grant me the comfort of thy salvation, that in loving, I may obtain those things which thou promisest. O Lord, which art my strength and deliverer, tell me how I shall think of thee, and me with what words I shall call upon thee, and the works wherewith I may please thee.

O most mighty God, that art blessed forevermore,

Furthermore, I commit into thy hands at this
 time, and at all other times else, *my soul*,
my body, and all my thoughts, affections
 words and works: *my memory*, *my faith*,
my belief, and continuance in the same,
 that thou maist defend them with thy most
 mighty power, that thou maist keep them
 day and night, and every moment of time,
 O holy Trinity, and keep me
 from all evil, from all offences, from all
 deceits and despites of the Devil, and from
 mine enemies, visible and invisible: give
 me, O Lord, perfect sense and understand-
 ing, that I may be able to perceive thine
 exceeding and great mercies: teach me what
 I shall ask, and grant that thou wilt hear
 that which I require: give me tears from
 the bottom of my heart, that may unloose
 the bands of my sins: If thou regard me
 fearfully, I perish; if thou look upon me I live;
 if thou examine my righteousness, I stink
 and am corrupt, being dead; but if thou
 look on me with mercy, thou raisest me
 out of my grave: spare my soul, spare my
 life, visit me that am weak, heal me that
 am diseased, give me a heart to fear thee,
 eyes to love thee, ears to hear thee, and
 that I may alwayes see thee: I ask,
 O Lord, remission of all my sins, have mercy
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on *me*, and hear *me*, O Lord *my* salvation,
 on, I have asked those things which I need,
 I have remembered those things which I fear:
 wherefore, vouchsafe *me* thy grace, O
 Lord, to live in thy true fear to *my* living
 end, through Jesus Christ *my* Lord and
 Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory
 for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for Faith, and ableness to
 pray.*

O Most gracious God and dear Father
 I thy unworthy servant, ignorant of
 all good things, unprofitable and unfit to
 serve thee, by reason of my corruption
 do yield thee all humble thanks, that thou
 dost vouchsafe *me* access to the throne of
 thy mercy in Christ where all wisdom, all
 consolation and comfort do abound, and
 from whom all good gifts and graces do most
 frankly flow unto thy children: I here
 sinner in regard there is in me no strength to
 stand, nor wisdom to walk, nor faith to
 frame my affections according to thy will
 do heartily crave supply of the good gifts
 thy hands: wherefore dear Father, grant
 me thy holy Spirit; which being inspired
 into *me* by thy divine power, may work

me such effects as are fit for the strengthening
of my weak understanding, and for the
increase of faith, and renewing the inner
man, I may become a fit member of thy
Church; good Father sanctifie *me* within
and without, purifie *mine* affections, and
let *me* be made holy in all *my* proceedings:
direct *me* to call upon thee aright, and
shape in *me* a sound course of life, and let
faith unfeigned be the ground of all *my* de-
sires, that I may be thereby renewed daily in
lively hope of thy gracious deliverance,
whenever I am touched with any calamity:
dear Father banish all unbelief in *me*, and
make *me* thereby faithful, that by thy divine
working, I may be able to conceive aright,
speak aright, and walk aright: O learn *me*, and
I shall be learned, teach *me*, and I shall un-
derstand and do thy will; then shall neither
prosperity puff *me* up, nor calamities cast
me down, nor any evil make *me* afraid: O
happy man that is so far in thy favour, that
he obtaineth this blessing at thy hands! there-
fore I fly unto thee my Al-sufficient, and
truly helping God and Father, pitiful to
thy perplexed children; to thee I fly and
my will not faint, for I believe thy promises,
and thy help my unbelief: thou art the cause
of my absolute perfection of my soul, the
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preserver of life, the everlasting and only good that I seeck, from whom, as from a lively spring floweth whatsoever good is, either for soul or body : make perfect therefore in *me* this good gift, O Lord increase it in *me* more and more daily ; that I applying the same in humble manner, with reverent prayer to thy divine Majesty, both for corporal and spiritual relief, may be continually heard, and so resting herein under the shadow of thy sacred wings, may be safe and secure in all *my* miseries : good Lord, I here commend mine estate unto thee in all patience, humbly beseeching thee, that in thy good time, I may reap the fruit of a lively confidence in thee : namely, what in this life is expedient for the preservation and maintenance thereof, and after this life, the absolute end thereof ; that is, eternal salvation in Jesus Christ ; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be defended against our enemies.

O Lord strengthen my faith, and arm me with continual hope in thee, whereby I may be able to withstand all the cruelties

cruelities of *mine* adversaries, in such sort that they may know it to be thy self who fightest for *me*, and defendest *my* cause against their fury : behold O Lord, *my* trust is in thee, thy rod and thy staff, comfort me, and stay *me* up, that I fall not into their hands by trusting unto *mine* own policy or wisdom, which is but as foolishness before thee, nor to the help or friendship of man, which is but vain : but lead thou *me*, O Lord, guide *me* in all *my* doings, cogitations and words, lest I erring from thy Commandments, incline my heart to vanity and vice, *mine* enemies take just occasion to say, *ah*, we saw it with our eyes, and bring up an evil report of me, and that deservedly : O Lord guide me in all truth, establish my heart with true desire and ableness to walk uprightly in all thy wayes : vouchsafe to keep *me* from the dangerous desires of Heshly lust, and from haunting the places suspected or polluted with uncleanness, lest *mine* enemies, taking just occasion by *my* lewd behaviour, speak that indeed which may redound to my shame and deserved infamy. Finally ; O Lord, keep me from all evil ; and though by reason of *my* corruption I be naturally inclin'd to wantonness and excess, *thou* wilt give me

K 2 sobriety.

Sobriety, lowliness, love, even to mine
 enemies, chastity, wisdom, and discreet
 understanding both of their wills and mine
 own weakness, that so through *thy* grace,
 leading the whole course of *my* life in sincer-
 ity and godly behaviour, I may magnify
 thy holy Name, who so regardest the pro-
 sperity of thy servant, that thou sufferest
 him not to fall into the hands of such
 would eat him up; and let not the adver-
 saries of thy truth, O Lord, unjustly rejoice
 over *me*, I am in thy hand, and they are
 within the compass of thy power, stay *their*
 fury, let *them* not take effect in their de-
 vices against *me*; I refer all things to thy
 heavenly providence, and wholly committ
 my self into thy hands, humbly praying
 thee for Jesus Christ sake, to deal with
 and *them*, according to thy mercy and
 loving kindness, and not after our deserts.
 be thou merciful unto *me*, and evermore
 mightily defend *me* unto *my* lives end, con-
 ducting *me* uprightly in all *my* wayes, for
 the glory of thy holy Name; to whom with
 thy Son and the Holy Ghost, be all honour,
 power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen

*A Prayer for the opening of the eyes
of our understanding.*

O Sweet Jesus, lighten *me* with the brightness of eternal light, and drive darkness, as it were, from the mansion-house of *my* soul: suppress these wandering thoughts, and break in pieces these violent temptations: fight thou *my* God for *my* defence, and vanquish those evil beasts, to wit, the enticing desires of the flesh, that by thy power I may get peace, and sing thy praises, in the holy Court of *my* soul: send thy light and truth which may lighten the earth, for I am rude earth, good for nought, until thou enlighten *me*; pour out thy favour from above, and replenish *my* soul with thy heavenly grace: O Lord, stir up *my* mind, which is pressed down through the weight of sin, and stir up the senses wholly to the desire of heavenly and celestial things; that having tasted the sweetness of supernatural happiness, it may not greatly grieve *me*, even to think of this world; take *me*, O Lord, or rather pluck *me* from all momentary pleasures of earthly and vain things, and joyn *me* unto thee by an indissoluble band of good will; for thou
K 3 alone

alone doſt ſuffice thy friend, and without thee all things are vain, and of no price in my heart, to whom, O my Lord God, be all glory for ever, Amen.

A Godly Meditation, or Prayer.

O Lord my God, I altogether unhappy and comfortleſs, have grievouſly offended thee; how often have I trepaſſed againſt thee, and how often have I deſerved thy diſpleaſure, and yet how ſeldom haſt thou puniſhed me? how often haſt thou been good and merciful unto me, how often have I promiſed and vowed amendment and how little and ſeldom have I performed it? I dare not liſt up mine eyes towards heaven, becauſe I have ſinned againſt it, and in earth I cannot look for refuge, becauſe I have been a ſlander, and a ſhame unto it; what then, ſhall I deſpair? no, for God is merciful, and a good Saviour, he doth viſit them that live in darkneſs, and is a chearful light to them that ſit in the ſhadow of death; he willeth us to forgive our brother, though he offend ſeven times, yea, and infinitely, and is more merciful than any man can be: return thee therefore unto thy Lord God, pray unto him humbly for grace, and continue thee to bewail thy ſins

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past, because he that loveth thee, provoketh thee daily with his gifts to love him, and will not leave till he have made perfect his work begun, and brought his mercy to full effect in thee; what natural cause be-
 ginneth his work, and leaveth it in the half way imperfect? and as by natural order and right course, things do proceed and increase by little and little, from the less to the more; even so doth God first dispose us to his mercy, and then increasing his goodness, daily bestoweth on us, in the end, the treasure of his grace, the inheritance of everlasting joyes; yea, very love worketh in natural causes to bring forth their effects to perfection. which if it be so in creatures, what will the Creator do, which is love itself, and infinite goodness? he will withdraw thee from thy sins, and make thee clean and pure, and finally bless thee with eternal life. O Lord, I come unto thee, humbly waiting for thy mercy, thou art my hope and help, according to thy great goodness and mercy in Jesus Christ, have mercy on me now and for evermore. Amen.

A Prayer for perseverance in Prayer.

O Lord my God, according to thy Commandment, in *mine* afflictions and necessities I seek to thee for succour by continual Prayer, and calling upon thy Name; therefore most dear Father, strengthen me by thy holy spirit, that I may still persevere in Prayer, and with longing desires patiently wait for thee, O Lord, being assured, that although it appear not as yet, *thou* art alwayes present with *me*, and heardest *my* complaint, and wilt, when thou seest thy time, declare thy self manifestly in renewing *my* heart with spiritual joy; stir up, O Lord, I beseech thee, my sluggish nature to call upon thee continually, appointing thee neither the time, nor the means of my deliverance; but leaving all to thy good will and pleasure, I may in the *mean* time never cease by continual Prayer to call for thy merciful deliverance: and when thou shalt mercifully take upon thee to deliver me, I may then fully with *my* whole heart acknowledge *thy* goodness towards *me*, and that it never slip out of my heart, but that I may continue thankful for the same all the dayes of *my* life, whereby thy glory in *me* may be declared,

declared, and my soul relieved, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O My Lord God and merciful Father, I humbly beseech thee in Jesus Christ, that thou wilt vouchsafe to hide and bury all my sins and transgressions whatsoever from my infancy unto this present time I have committed and done against thy divine Majesty. O Lord be thou my light in darkness, then shall my light be as clear as the day. O heavenly Father bless me; O blessed Son keep me, O Holy-Ghost, three Persons and one God, deliver me this night from all sin and evil that may be hurtful to my soul and body, that so with confidence to thee, I may lay me down to rest, and none make me afraid, because thou art my Protector. O holy Spirit, at my last gasp be thou my light, yea, when my strength faileth, my sight departeth, mine ears wax deaf, and my mouth dumb; and when all my senses forsake me, then give me some sense of eternal life, that I may taste in this mortal body the beginning of thine everlasting comfort and at my departure out of this world, I may behold by faith, thy divine presence, and so

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sleep quietly to eternal life, through Jesus Christ thine only Son, my Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory for ever.
Amen.



*Short Directions before the Receiving of
Christs Holy Sacrament, His Blessed
Body and Blood.*

Sacraments should of all men be admired and honoured; not so much respecting the service which we do unto God in receiving them, as the dignity of the sacred and secret gift we thereby receive from God. They are the visible signs of invisible graces, which indeed is the very end these heavenly Mysteries were instituted: They are the powerful instruments of God to eternal life; for as our natural life consisteth of the union of the body and soul, so our life supernatural in the union of the soul with God: His flesh is meat, his blood is drink, not by surmised imagination, but truly, even so truly through faith we perceive in the body and blood, Sacramentally presented, the very taste of eternal life.

For the worthy receiving of this Sacrament, these four things are very considerable.

1. Preparation, or Examination.

2. Faith.

3. Repentance.

4. Thanksgiving.

1. Preparation consisteth in self-examination, and in an act of the soul reflecting upon it self in a general survey of our spiritual state in grace, comparing our present condition, which we find in our selves, with the word of God, by which will quickly appear what good we should have done, and the evil we should not have done.

St. Pauls admonition is, that before the receiving of this holy Sacrament, there should be a strict examination: *Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat and drink of this Cup.* 1 Cor. II. *For he that drinketh unworthily, drinketh his own damnation.*

Therefore certainly great is the danger to us, if premeditation precedes not this great undertaking. *Thus saith the Lord, Consider your wayes,* Hag. I. 5. Consider well what you go about, for this duty is no perfunctory imployment, no exercise by the by, but such a work as ought to be done exactly, seriously, with deep meditation and study, recol-

recollecting in privacy, and calling to question all thy actions past, the omission of good duties, and the doing of evil, sweeping, as it were, all the corners of thy heart, and view thy self in the glass of Gods Law, by which quickly will appear thy great and many sins, of all kinds whatsoever; as want of love and fear of God, abusing his mercies and blessings, neglect of works of charity, piety, and justice, offending thy God by blaspheming, cursing, and customary passion: Intemperance, by gluttony and drunkenness, lust and uncharitable desires, hatred, malice, back-biting, and all manner of evil imaginings; these are they that defile thy soul, and except we do as the Prophet commands us, *Isaia 1. 16.* Wash us, make us clean, put away the evil of our doings before the Lords eyes, and cease to do evil, we shall at the last be rewarded with them that had not on the wedding garment: Therefore laying aside all carnal security and self-deceit, *Commune with thy self and be still, Psal. 4.* Search thy soul, enquire of thy conscience, and rip up thy bosome sins, and confess them to the Lord in deep sorrow and contrition of heart, imploring his mercy, steadfastly purposing by his blessed assistance to lead a new life: Accuse thy

thy self and say with the Prodigal in the Gospel, Good Father I have sinned, I am not worthy of the least of thy mercies; it is thy mercy I am not consumed! And with *Mary Magdalene*, cast thy self down at the feet of Jesus, and wash them with tears, in tokens of thy sorrow, and signs of thy love; and be truly sorrowful for so often offending so precious, so merciful a God as our God, the greatness of whose love can't be measured, whose mercy hath no bounds. Therefore, O my soul, contemplate of the great goodness of our good God, which hath this day sent salvation to thy soul, and calleth thee to this great feast, to be partaker of the precious Body and Bloud of Jesus Christ, being prepared by humble repentance to receive in faith and joy thy blessed Redeemer, giving thanks alwayes to God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose mercy is everlasting, whose truth endureth from generation to generation.

2. Faith, which is a certain knowledge with an assured confidence kindled in our heart by the Holy Ghost, being assuredly resolved, that the free remission of all our sins, everlasting righteousness, and life eternal, is given unto us through the mercies and goodness of Almighty God, for the alone merits of Jesus Christ.

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For, by Grace are ye saved through Faith, and not of your selves, it is the gift of God, Ephes. 2. 8.

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption which is in Jesus Christ, Rom. 3. 24.

For as by one mans disobedience all were made sinners; so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous, Rom. 5. 19.

3. Repentance, which is a godly sorrow for sin wrought in the heart by the supernatural grace of the Holy Ghost, turning from all our evil wayes unto God, in meekness and humility of spirit.

Circumcise therefore the fore-skin of your hearts, and be no more stiff-necked, Deut. 10. 16.

Wash thy heart from wickedness, that thou mayst be saved! How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee? Jer. 4. 14.

Return ye now every one from his evil wayes, and make your doings good, Jer. 18. 17.

Let us search and try our wayes, and turn again unto the Lord. Lam. 3. 4.

Return again unto the Lord thy God, for thou

thou hast fallen by thine own iniquities,
Hof. 14. 1.

Draw nigh to God, cleanse your hands ye
sinners, and purifie your hearts ye double-
minded, Jam. 4. 8.

4. Thanksgiving, praising God the Lord
for all his benefits and mercies, especially
for sending his only Son Jesus Christ to die
for the remission of all our sins, and alwayes
be mindful of the greatness of his good-
ness, and the unworthiness of our deserts.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to re-
ceive power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, and glory, and blessing, Rev.
5. 12.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live :
I will sing praises unto my God, while I
have my being. Psal. 104.

Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offe-
ring of my mouth, O Lord, Psal. 111.

Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God
continually, that is, the fruit of our lips,
giving thanks to his Name. Hebr. 13.

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*An humbl: confession before the
Sacrament.*

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, which according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost put away the sins of those which truly repent, and remembreth them no more! Open O Lord I beseech thee, the eyes of thy mercy upon me thy most unworthy servant, who in heart earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness of all my sins and offences! the number of which exceeds the ordinary expectation of mercy! and such they are, as cannot bear any conformity with excuse! the total sum whereof, is the breach of all thy Commandments, both in thought, word, and deed! thy blessings and benefits I have abused! thy judgements and punishments not feared, the means of my own salvation utterly neglected, and most grievously by my wickedness have I provoked thy wrath and indignation against me! my life that was appointed for the service of thee the living God, hath been for the most part spent in the service of the Devil, in the desires and sinful lusts of the flesh! my doings have been evil, my desires and thoughts wicked, and so detestable hath the whole course

course of my life been, that my soul tremble
to look up to Heaven for fear of thy dis-
pleasure: shouldest thou therefore, O Lord,
be extream to mark what is done amiss, and
take vengeance for my sins, I were as dust
before the face of the wind, and in justice
might be swept away into the place of ever-
lasting torment.

But, O Lord, with thee there is mercy;
that thou mightest be feared: thou art a God
of all comfort and consolation, a merciful,
loving, and gracious Father, ready and
willing to hear all penitent sinners, that in
heart are sorrowful for their sins! In the
Name therefore of Jesus Christ my blessed
Redeemer, I humbly prostrate my self be-
fore the Throne of thy Mercy seat, accom-
panied with no other hope than such as pro-
ceeds from the richness of thy mercy, that
for his only sake, thou wilt have compassion
upon me; for in humility of spirit and con-
fession of heart, I submit my self to thy
goodness, beseeching thee not to let my sins
be a cloud between my prayer and thy pity,
thy goodness and my distress; but forgive
and forget all my transgressions, all my mis-
doings, let them be sins of what condition
ever; whether sins of my youth, or sins
of my age, sins of my body or sins of my
soul;

fol; secret and open sins, notorious and presumptuous sins, sins of pride, envy, hatred, malice, &c. Good Lord remit them all, and of thy great goodness grant me perfect remission and absolution for the same! for which the Prophet *David*, Out of the depth of my misery, I cry unto thee for the depth of thy mercy. O Lord hear my petitions, and consider my tears! the contrition of my heart, and the sorrow of my soul! and in the merits of his blood, that was so plentifully shed on the Cross for penitent sinners, wash away the multitude of my transgressions, that my soul, by thy mercy, being cleansed from the stain of sin, I may be found worthy partaker of this great mystery.

And now, O Lord, that I am about to receive the blessed Sacrament of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, how shall I, that am so great a sinner, dust and ashes, dare to presume to approach thy Table! *The Heavens in thy sight being not clear, and the pillars of the Earth shake at thy presence.* What then shall become of me, miserable that I am! Yea Lord, thou hast provided a special means, and in thy Gospel left us a command, *Come unto me all ye, &c.* Which command I obey, and in confident assurance of thy promise in Christ Jesus, I trust thou wilt

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Have mercy upon me, in the easing and refreshing of my soul that is wearied with the burden of my intolerable sins! Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin, and renew a right spirit within me: And of thy gracious goodness direct me in this great action, with a reverend and awful fear of thy Majesty, that all the faculties of my soul and body may be content rightly to apprehend, and joyfully to receive this eternal food, this bread of life, this heavenly and wonderful mystery; and that by thy grace I may obtain the virtue, fruit, and benefits of the death and passion of my Saviour; and by the same, the remission of all my sins, and everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

*A Prayer before the receiving of the
Communion.*

O Most holy and heavenly God and Father, which by the immortal seed of thy Word hast begotten us to be thy children, and with the same (as with milk) dost nourish us purely as new-born babes, as also with the divine mysteries of thy holy Sacraments, (as by a visible word) dost confirm and strengthen us in faith and righteousness; and

and having so adopted us into thy family, continually feedest and nourishest us unto eternal life: we humbly beseech thee so to prepare our souls to the due receiving thereof worthily, that we may thereby effectually feel, taste, and feed on thy Son *Jesui Christ* (the true Manna and Bread that came down from Heaven) that we may by him have eternal life: pardon (O Lord) pardon our unpreparedness in coming to the participation of so holy and divine Mysteries: **Make thy Word and Sacraments** alwayes so **powerful and effectual** in our ears and hearts, that we may thereby be sanctified and renewed unto all holy obedience unto thy will, in the mortification of our sinful corruptions, and renewing of thy perfect Image in us (unto holiness, righteousness, sobriety, truth, knowledge, faith, and temperance) through his most powerful and glorious Resurrection. Stablish our Consciences in the assurance of our salvation, by the remission of our sins in the blood of thy Son, which was shed for us on the Altar of the Cross (as a Sacrifice of expiation, to cleanse away all sin.) O Lord, seal and confirm this Covenant of Grace in our hearts by these holy Sacraments (pledges of thy grace and love towards us) that at no time we may stagger

at thy promises, nor fall away from hope and confidence in thee; but being hereby incorporated into one Body, we may partake of one Spirit, and grow in love one towards another (as members of the same mystical Body) that we may forgive one another, as thou hast forgiven us. O Lord, make us ever thankful for thy manifold and great mercies, in providing unto us such means and helps of our salvation; and grant that we may not put any confidence in external actions and exercises thereof (in any hope to be justified thereby) but that we may thereby exalt our minds to heavenly and spiritual Contemplations, and by faith be firmly united unto thee our Head in Heaven, to be made one with thee, and thou with us; and howsoever heretofore we have transgressed and defiled our selves, as well with our natural impurities, and actual impieties, henceforth (being now wash'd and purified in the blood of the Lamb which was sacrificed for us) we may have our conversation in Heaven; and being new creatures in *Christ*, may have new thoughts, desires, and delights, (far from the lusts of our former ignorance) and may live ever unto him and with him, who sitteth at thy right hand, our Redeemer and Advocate, and shall return to be our Judge

Judge

Judge, to justifie and acquit us before thee;
to whom, with thee and the Holy-Ghost, be
all praise, &c.

A Psalm.

1. **A**S the Hart panteth after the Water-
brooks, so panteth my soul after thee,
O God.

2. O let thy merciful kindness be my
comfort, according to thy Word unto thy
Servant.

3. Help me, O God of my salvation, for
the glory of thy Name; O deliver me, and
be merciful unto my sin, for thy Name
sake.

4. O remember not my old sins! but have
mercy upon me, and that soon, for I am
come to great misery.

5. Consider and hear me, O Lord my
God, for my trust is in thy mercy.

6. Turn thy face from my sins, and pur-
sue out all my mis-deeds.

7. Have mercy upon me, O God, according
to thy great goodness; according to the multi-
tude of thy mercies do away my offences.

8. Wash me thoroughly from my wicked-
ness, and cleanse me from my sin.

9. For I acknowledge my faults, and my
sin is ever before me.

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10. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness,
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
11. Thou shalt purge me with Hyssop, and
I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I
shall be whiter than snow.
12. Make me a clean heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit within me.
13. O remember not the sins and offences
of my youth; but according to thy mercy,
pardon thou upon me, O Lord, for thy good-
14. For thy Name sake, O Lord, be mer-
ciful unto my sin, for it is great.
15. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy
upon me; for I am desolate and in misery.
16. Remember not, O Lord, mine ini-
quities, nor the iniquities of my fore-fathers,
neither take thou vengeance of my sins; but
have mercy on me, good Lord, whom thou hast re-
deemed with thy precious blood, and be not
grieved with me for ever.
17. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness
is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.
18. Blessed is the man, unto whom the
Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit
there is no guile.
19. The Lord is nigh unto them that are
of a contrite heart, and will save such as be
of a humble spirit.

20. O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in him.

21. O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, according to thy Word. *Glory be to, &c.*

O Most gracious Lord God, I beseech thee help thy servant whom of thy mercy thou hast created, repair the ruins of my soul, enlarge the frame of my understanding thereof, cleanse it from all filthy corruption, and garnish it with all heavenly graces, that it may be both conveniently and furnished to receive thee, that thou mayst make thy entry, and possess that which is thy own, both by creation and redemption, and merits of thy passion, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Before the receiving.

Ex Liturg.

GRant O most merciful Father I beseech thee, that I receiving these thy creatures of Bread and Wine, according to the holy institution of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance of his death and passion,

Lord, be partaker of his blessed Body and Blood!
and that my sinful body may be made clean
by his Body, and my sinful soul washed
through his most precious Blood which was
shed for the remission of all my sins, through
the same Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Immediately before the Receiving.

Matth. 8. 8.

Lord, I am not worthy thou shouldst
come under my roof: but speak the word
only, and my soul shall be healed.

II.

O Lamb of God, let me eat thy Flesh,
and drink thy Blood, that I may live ever-
lastingly by thee; and cloath me with the
wool of thy mercy, that no winter or storm
of sin do pinch my silly soul.

III.

O blessed Jesus, let the Blood that ran
from thy blessed Heart, wash my soul from
all sin and iniquity, and purchase me thy
heavenly grace and benediction: *Amen.*

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Immediately after Receiving.

PRaise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name, and forget not all his benefits, which saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness, *Psal. 103.*

I will give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever, *Psal. 106.*

Alleluja, Salvation and Glory, and Honour, and Power, be unto the Lord our God, *Amen. Revel. 19. 1.*

Thanksgiving after the Receiving of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ex Liturg.

O Almighty and everlasting Lord God; thy most humble servant, according to my bounden duty and service, do render unto thy Fatherly goodness, all possible praise and thanksgiving, for that thou hast vouchsafed to feed me with the holy mysteries, and spiritual food of the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ thy Son and my Saviour; assuring me thereby of thy grace and favour towards me; and that I am a member incorporate in thy mystical body, the blessed company

company of faithful people; and also heir
through hope of thy everlasting Kingdom,
by the merits of his most precious death and
passion: and grant me, O Lord, for the
time to come, the assistance of thy grace and
heavenly benediction, that I may continue
in all such good works as thou hast prepared
for me to walk in; to the glory of thy Name,
and my everlasting comfort, through Jesus
Christ our Lord: to whom with thee and the
Holy-Ghost be all honour and glory world
without end. *Amen.*

A Psalm.

1. **P**raise the Lord, O my Soul, and
and all that is within me praise his
holy Name, which saveth thy self from de-
struction, and feedeth thee with the Bread of
life from heaven.

2. I will alwayes give thanks unto the
Lord, his praises shall ever be in my
mouth.

3. Thy merciful kindness is evermore to-
wards us: and thy truth, O Lord, is ever-
lasting.

4. Great is the Lord, and marvelous to
be praised, there is no end of his greatness.

5. He loveth Righteousness and Judg-
ment;

ment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6. Be glad, O ye Righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord; and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.

7. I will give thanks unto thee with my whole heart; I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

8. O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnifie his holy Name.

9. Let my heart be filled with gladness, and my mouth with praise, that I may sing of thy glory; and with the rest of thy Saints give honour to thy Majesty in the eternal fruition of thy presence through Christ.

10. My mouth shall speak of the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Vers. Praise ye the Lord.

Resp. The Lord's Name be praised.

O Almighty and eternal God, what worthy praise can I give unto thee, by whose goodness I was created, by whose mercy I was redeemed, by whose power I am preserved, and by whose grace I hope to be glorified; and for all other thy blessings and benefits which I enjoy both in soul and body; and especially, for feeding me this day

day with the precious body and blood of Jesus Christ. I will therefore offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and alwayes praise thy holy Name, beseeching thee to pour upon my heart the sweet streams of thy mercy; conform my life, confirm my faith, and guide me by thy grace, that thy servant may with strong assurance of thine infallible truth and promised mercy, vanquish and subdue whatsoever rebelleth against thy blessed will; keep holy my soul and body, and let them not be defiled through delectation of sin; but that my full delight and joy may be in thee, and walk before thee in sincerity of heart and godly conversation, that I may here on earth glorify thy name, and after this life with all thy faithful flock possess that everlasting inheritance which thy Son Christ Jesus hath purchased: to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end.
Amen.

John 5. 14.

Behold, thou art made whole, sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

1 John 1. 17.

If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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Eph.

Eph. 5. 1, 2.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear Children, and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Eph. 5.

Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. See then ye walk circumspectly, redeeming time, because the dayes are evil.

Jude 25.

To the onely wise God our Saviour, be Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. Amen.

Prayers

Prayers for the Sick.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our Fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us good Lord.

O Lord I beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy servant, that I which am rightly punished for my offences, may by thy goodness be mercifully delivered for the glory of thy Name: through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hand consists the life of all mankind, which correctest those whom thou receivest; mercifully I beseech thee to hear my complaint, and despise not the prayer that I make now in the time of my trouble, in the vexa-

tion of my spirit, and the anguish of my sou'. I remember thee, and cry unto thee for mercy; O thou that hast created, and made me of nothing, and redeemed me from the bondage of sin, death, and everlasting destruction, by the most precious blood of Jesus Christ, shed upon the Cross for the ransom of all my sins. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me, bow down thine ear unto my cry, and cast me not away in thine anger, though for my wickedness I have deserved thy wrath and heavy displeasure against me: And now for my transgressions, in thy indignation thou hast stricken me with grievous sickness, and I begin to fall as leaves beaten with a vehement wind, yet are they punishments less than my deservings. But of thy mercy and goodness, O Lord, correct me not to death, but to amendment of life; for thine own sake, for thy holy Names sake, for Christ Jesus sake be merciful unto my sin, for it is very great, and there is no rest in my bones, by reason of my transgression: Spare thy Servant, O God, which confesseth his sins; pour thy sanctifying Grace into my heart, and work thereby true and immediate repentance, and restore me again to thy favour, according to thy gracious promise in Jesus

Christ:

Christ: Let thy merciful providence so govern all this sickness; that I never fall into utter darkness, ignorance of thee, or inconsideration of my self; let the faintness of my spirit, and the condemnation of my self, be overcome with thy irresistible light, thou God of all consolation; grant that I may be mindful of the great account that I have to make at the day of judgment, and that I may bear in mind the Image of that which is to be faithful, the end of misery, and the beginning of all happiness; but to the secure and careless, the beginning of eternal pain: Strengthen my faith, accept my repentant tears, speak peace to my soul and conscience, and say, thou art my salvation: *My grace is sufficient for thee*; then shall my heart rejoyce, and my soul shall be right glad, desiring to be dissolved, and be at peace, that after this my bodily death, I may enjoy the eternal fruition of thy heavenly presence: Let me not, good Father, in this my trial be stricken with fear of condemnation, or distrust thy promises, but in sure confidence of heart, apply to my self the remission of my sins, that at the last gasp, by faith in Jesus Christ, I may have a taste of eternal salvation: Let not death (if thou please to send it) be terrible or bitter unto me; but when it

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cometh, I may with joy receive the same; and having escaped the hardness of temptation, and the peril of Satan, I may triumph like a Conqueror, and behold the power and presence of thy holy spirit: let my last words be those which thy Son did utter upon the Cross saying; *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit*: and when my speech is taken from me, hear the groanings of my heart, and the desire of my soul, that thy servant may depart in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom be all Praise, Power, Might, Majesty, and Dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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The Sick saith, Job 14. 1.

MAN that is born of a Woman, hath but a short time time to live, and is full of misery; he cometh up and is cut down like a flower: He fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one state. In midst of life we are dying: of whom shall we seek for succour and comfort but of thee O Lord God our Maker?

A Psalm.

1. **I**N thee O Lord have I trusted, let me never be confounded; but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness, incline thine ear to me, and save me.

2. O Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

3. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies sake, for in death no man remembereth thee, and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

5. Consider and hear me, O Lord my God,

God, lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death, shew me thy marvellous-loving kindness, thou art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

6. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation! look upon my affliction and pain, and forgive all my sins.

7. O remember not my old sins, but have mercy upon me, and that soon, for I am come to great misery.

8. Preserve thou my soul therefore, O my God, and save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

9. O comfort the soul of thy servant, for unto thee O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

10. O turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.

11. Shew some good token upon me for good, that they which hate me, may see it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord hast holpen me, and comforted me.

12. O satisfie me with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall I rejoyce and be glad all the dayes of my life.

13. I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly, I go mourning all the day long: I am poured out like water, and all my bones

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are out of joynt; my heart is like wax, it
melte:h in the midst of my bowels.

14. Help me, O God of my salvation,
for the glory of thy Name, O deliver me,
and be merciful unto my sin, for thy Names
sake.

15. The righteous cry, and the Lord
heareth them; and delivereth them out of all
their troubles.

16. The Lord is nigh unto them that are
of a contrite heart, and will save such as be
of an humble spirit.

17. O tarry the Lords leisure: be strong,
and he shall comfort thy heart, and put thou
thy trust in the Lord.

18. O put thy trust in God, for I will
give him thanks, which is the help of my
countenance, and my God: *Glory be to the
Father, &c.*

O Lord my God and heavenly Father,
which art the health of all men living,
and the everlasting life of them which dye
in faith; open I beseech thee the eyes of thy
mercy upon me thy sick servant, who
in heart is truly sorrowful for all my sins;
and of thy fatherly goodness, according to
the multitude of thy mercies, put away all
my transgressions out of thy remembrance:

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renew in me what hath been decayed by the fraud or malice of the Devil, or by mine own frailty; preserve me in the unity of the Church, consider my contrition, accept my tears, and assuage my pain, and if it be thy blessed will, restore me to my former health; or if otherwise thou hast appointed, give me grace so to take this visitation, that after this painful life ended, I may dwell with thee in life ever lasting. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus preserve me, Lord Jesus comfort me, Lord Jesus pray for me; for only into thy hands, who hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of Truth, I commend my soul both now and for ever. *Amen.*

The sick saith.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Christ have mercy upon me.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c

I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth, Blessed are the Dead which dye in the Lord.

A Psalm.

O Lord rebuke me not in thy indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3. My soul is also sore troubled: but Lord, how long wilt thou punish me!

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercies sake.

5. For in death no man remembereth thee; and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

6. I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

7. My beauty is gone for very trouble; and worn away because of all my enemies.

8. Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mothers womb, my praise shall be alwayes of thee.

9. Cast me not away in the time of Age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

10. O hide not thy face from me, nor cast away thy servant in displeasure.

11. Thou

11. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not O God of my salvation.

12. I am poor and needy, make haste unto me, O God, thou art my help and my deliverer, O Lord make no long tarrying, O Lord deliver me from the power of the enemy.

Lord help thy poor servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Send me help from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend me: be unto me a strong Tower, O Lord, and evermore cover me with thy wings:

O Lord hear my Prayer,

And let my cry come unto thee.

The Sick faith.

I know that my Redeemer Liveth, and that I shall rise out of the Earth in the last day, and shall be covered again with my skin, and shall see God in my flesh; yea, and I myself shall behold him, not with other, but with the same eyes.

O Almighty and immortal God, the Saviour and defender of all that put their trust in thee; the only refuge and hope of the distressed in time of need, mercifully behold the sorrows of my heart, and the groanings of my spirit: thou hast O Lord, of thy power made me of nought, and in thy good time I shall return to nought again: I brought nothing into the world, neither shall I carry any thing away when I depart: thou art my portion, my salvation, my Mediator, and my Saviour. O blessed Jesus, by thee came grace and life to the chosen, receive me to thy mercy; thou sufferedst most cruel death for my sake, and art risen the first fruits of them that sleep, thou art crowned with power and glory, destroyedst death, and givest eternal life to all believers: thou, O Saviour Christ, shalt raise me up in the last day, and give me possession of thy everlasting Kingdom, which thou hast purchased in thy blood and righteousness, according to the will of our merciful Father, whom thou hast pacified and pleased, for my redemption and salvation; for the performance of the oath which in his eternal and unsearchable purpose he promised our forefathers, whereof in thy merciful favour thou hast called me to be partaker, whereby I am taught

taught and comforted by thy holy Spirit, to despise this world, and this corrupt tabernacle of sinful flesh, which of it self hath deserved nothing but death and damnation, and wholly to rely upon thee. Therefore, O Lord, stand by me, and defend me against the assaults of Satan, that after triumphant victory, through grace and power in thy Spirit, I may joyfully give over this fleshly being, and come into thy presence, O Lord, to rest in blissful peace, untill the delivery of thy Saints, with whom I am in assured hope, by the witness of thy Spirit, to have my portion of the inheritance of perpetual salvation, and life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O my soul be joyful in the Lord, and despise not his correction, neither faint thou at his rebukes.

For whom the Lord loveth him he correcteth: yea, he scourgeth every child whom he receiveth.

Thy sins were innumerable, neither couldst thou claim ought of duty, but death and damnation.

Thy merciful Lord hath accepted thy tears, and repentant groanings, and turned away his face from thy offences, he freely hath forgiven thee thy sins.

And because thou hast repented, and trusted in his mercy, he hath put them all out of his remembrance, neither will he think on them any more.

He will receive thee into his house, and crown thee with glory and kindness.

Thou shalt stand before his presence in the Sanctuary everlasting.

With Angels and Arch-angels, with the Patriarchs and Prophets, with the faithful Witnesses, and with all the rest of the chosen Children of grace, to honour him, to serve him, to magnifie him, and praise him, with continual thanks in eternal joy and felicity, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Psalm.

O God my God look upon me, why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

3. O God I cry in the day time but thou carest not; and in the night-season also I take no rest.

4. And thou continuest holy, O thou Worship of Israel.

5. Call

5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy, and thy loving kindness which have been e. er of old.

6. Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance: and save me for thy mercies sake.

7. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

8. My time is in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemy.

9. O keep my soul and deliver me: let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

10. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

11. The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, I have set God alwayes before me, for he is on the right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

12. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoyced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

13. For why, thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither shalt thou suffer me to see corruption.

14. Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Glory

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

O spare me a little, and suffer me to recover my strength O Lord, before I go from hence, and be no more seen.

Now, O my Soul, look upon Christ Jesus the Righteous, thy Advocate and Redeemer, who is ready to receive thee; therefore be glad in him, and give thanks, rejoicing in the visitation of the Lord, by which he hath prepared thee for the heavenly Jerusalem, and everlasting bliss! I acknowledge, O Lord, I have deserved to dye, and the desire I have to live, is for the amendment of my life, and in some better measure to set forth thy glory; therefore good Father, if it be thy pleasure, restore me to health again; and grant me longer life. But thou hast in thy eternal decree appointed this sickness to be a preparation to my immediate dissolution, and by it to call me out of this transitory life; I resign, commit, and willingly commend my spirit into thy hands and holy pleasure; beseeching thee to bless me from the second death, the everlasting destruction both of body and soul. Let my soul thoroughly consider of the account I owe to make to thee my God, and how few minutes soever it hath to remain in my body,

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let the power of thy Spirit recompence the shortness of time, and perfect my account before I pass away. Be pleased, O Lord, in the reconciliation of thy Son for my sins. Let the infiniteness of my offences rely upon the infiniteness of thy mercy by his sufferings: breath inward comfort to my heart, and confidence in thy gracious promises; that though my body be going the way of all flesh, yet my soul may go the way of all Saints. Lord hear me and help me, stand by me and save me; and if it be thy determination to lay my body in the grave, to receive my soul into thy Kingdom, to rest in joy and peace for evermore, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Sick saith.

O My soul, thou which art endued with the image of God, redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ, enlightened by the Holy-Ghost, adorned with virtue, and accounted with Angels.

Love thou him who loveth thee, trust in him who careth for thee, seek thou him who seeketh thee.

My soul, O Lord, heartily desireth to attain to that supernatural City, whereof such things

things are spoken: My heart longeth, my
soul thirsteth till I enter into my Masters
joy.

To which everlasting joy, O Lord, re-
ceive my soul, where all thy Saints rejoyce
in eternal joy and thanksgiving, singing
praises and Alleluja's to thee the Lord our
God.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear hath heard,
neither entered into the heart of man, the
things that God hath prepared for those that
love him.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

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Directions for the Sick.

MAN for the violation of that great Command which God his Creator gave him in the beginning, hath exposed him and his posterity to a certain and sure doom, in these words: *Thou shalt dye the death; For the wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Rom. 6.*

Variable, and therefore miserable is the condition of man: this hour, this minute in health, in the next by a sudden change and alteration at the point of death: In the morning flourishing like a Palm, like a green Bay-tree; in the evening cut down, dried up, and withered; for we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation, *Psal. 90. All flesh is grass, and the glory thereof as the flower of the field, Psal. 40. The glory of man is as the flower of the field, which withereth and fallet away, 2 Pet. 2. 4. He considereth we are*

but flesh, and as the wind that passeth away,
Psalm, 78. Our life is but of a short conti-
 nuance, and full of trouble; man cometh
 up like a flower, vanisheth like a shadow,
 falls sick and dyeth, sleepeth and riseth not
 until the heavens be no more, *Job* 14. As
 soon as thou scatterest us, we are even as
 sleep, and fade away suddenly, and in thy
 anger all our dayes are gone, and ended as
 a tale that is told: And what man living shall
 not see Death? Dust thou art, and to dust
 thou shalt return, *Gen.* 3. 19. Thy body
 shall return to earth, the centre of the body;
 and thy soul to Heaven, to God which gave
 it, to everlasting glory, who at the last day,
 the day of the Resurrection, will re-collect,
 re-unite thy Body, though turned to Atoms,
 to thy soul, at the voyce of the Angels
 and Trumpet, Arise ye dead and come to Judg-
 ment; the Righteous to receive everlasting
 happiness, and the Wicked eternal torment.
 Wonderful and great hath the love of
 God been unto mankind, in our Creation,
 Redemption, Preservation, and giving us
 assured hopes of eternal salvation, through
 Jesus Christ our Lord; for being fallen
 from blessedness, by the sins of our first pa-
 rents, into the snares of Satan, and thereby
 become his bondslaves and servants, over-

come by sin, *Joh. 8*, and being servants of sin, we are freed from Righteousness, *Rom. 6*. God so loved us, that he sent his only Son to be reconciliation for our sin, *Joh. 4. 10*. Rich in his mercy whereby he loved us, *Eph. 1*. Christ suffered for our sin, to bring us unto God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickned by the Spirit, *1 Pet. 3*. He sent Redemption to his People, Holy and Reverend is his Name, *Psal. 111*, He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, *Tit. 2*. Therefore blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he raised up a mighty salvation for us in the House of his servant *David*, *Luke. 1. 68*.

Our life here on earth is a warfare, full of trouble, misery, and vexation of spirit, a daily tempest, and continual struggling between the mind and the flesh; the Law of God, and the Law of sin; and so numerous are the calamities and troubles of our dayes, that were it not for the hope of Heaven, it would be little better than Hell it self; crosses and afflictions, troubles and molestations unavoidably rush in upon us, as fast as *Jobs* messengers, hourly and daily; for men, as they are all the Sons of their mothers, are subject to all misery, born to live few dayes, in many dangers: whose glory may well be compared

compared to the shadow in the Sun, which in the morning of our greatness, is in a goodly lustre; at noon at the full, beside us; at night in the wain, quite behind us. There is nothing in this vale of misery permanent or certain; prosperity and adversity not long asunder: Health and sickness often at variance; no joy, no happiness, no felicity, no tranquillity for continuance can be expected here in this world. The only ease and consolation to our distresses, the blessedness of content and rest to our wearisome souls, is to be looked for in the world to come: What honour, glory, pleasure of earthly delight soever, but is subject to instability, passible and uncertain? which made the Wise-man upon his experience cry out, *Vanity of Vanity, all is Vanity*. And the singular motive to a man in any affliction for the sufferance of sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity whatsoever, is, that by the sweet united blessings, patience and content, at the last by paying an inexcusable debt to death, which, who so liveth, of what estate or condition soever, cannot but think he must dye, will bring us to that eternal rest, to the blessed enjoyment of everlasting felicity, to dwell in glory for evermore: For blessed are the dead which dye in the Lord

from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them, *Rev. 14. 13.*

Death is a sleep, a departed breath from dead earth, invivified at first by breath cast upon it; to dye is to be no more unhappy, it is true to those over-swayed by nature, death is accounted a misery, but to men refined by the light of Judgment, it is esteemed the only remedy against misery, as it is the wages of sin, it is due to us; and as it is the end of all grief and sickness, it belongs unto us. It delivers us from all cares and troubles, and bringeth us to all joyes unspeakable; by it we shall receive fulness of grace, perfect and accomplished regeneration and perfect glory, which while we are on earth, we have but in part: here we see darkly, as in a glass, then shall we see face to face: the heavens you behold, shall be superinvested with new endowments, made everlasting habitations for the Saints prepared; by death we pass to immortality, nor can we attain eternal life, but by leaving this life; yea, corporal death is no period of life, but a passage to eternity; though our body sleep a while in dust, it shall rise again after thy likeness: As for me, saith the Prophet *Daniel*, *I will behold thy face in righteousness*

and shall be satisfied when I awake. Holy *Job* saith, Though all my flesh be consumed to bones, yet thy Spirit blowing upon dead bones, can revive them, and couple them again with sinews, and cloath them with flesh. The dead men shall live together, with my dead body shall they arise; awake and sing ye that dwell in the dust, for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead, *Isa.* 26. 19. For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; if the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, an House not made with hands eternal in Heaven, *2 Cor.* 5. Christ is risen from the dead, and made the first fruits of them that slept, *1 Cor.* 15. Though in *Adam* we all dye, yet in Christ shall all be made alive. That body that was sown a natural body, shall rise a spiritual body, *1 Cor.* 15. Therefore let us be comforted, and not fear the pains of death, the approach of which suddenly makes a man to know himself; he tells the proud and insolent they are but dust, and in an instant makes them to repent and hate their fore-past happiness; he takes an account of the rich, and proves him a beggar, having interest in nothing but in the earth

that fills his mouth; shews the beautiful their deformity, and they hate it; he draws together the far-stretch'd greatness, all the pride, cruelty, vain-glory, and ambition of man, and covers it all over with dust in the narrow limits of a grave; And though for some years the body lies mouldred in the grave, it shall at the last be raised in honour and glory; purified, perfected, and immortalized from a dungeon of misery, to a place of all felicity; to our own Country, into Paradise, where we shall meet with *Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, the Patriarchs and Prophets, Saints and Angels, our Friends and Kindred gone before us, which we shall see and behold in Mount Sion, the City of the everliving God, in the company of innumerable Angels, praising and magnifying the Lord of Heaven, in white Robes, and Palms in their hands, following the Lamb wheresoever he goeth.

I will wait till my changing cometh, then shalt thou call me, and then shall I answer thee, O Lord; I come and appear before thee, *Job 14. 14.*

As the Hart panteth for the water-brooks, so longeth my soul for thee, O Lord, *Pf. 42. 1.*

And forasmuch as a'l mortal men are subject to many sudden perils, diseases, and sickness-

sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time we shall depart out of this life; there should no day pass without consideration for our last end; which meditation is very requisite, both for them which are in perfect health, as those that feel the hand of God by sickness: that death will come is certain; but when, how, or where, is very uncertain. It is appointed for all men once to dye, *Heb. 9. 27.* but the day when, God hath not revealed, because we should be ready every day; it comes as soon to the young man, that glorieth in his strength, as to some in a good old age; to the rich fool in a night, as to the poor in the anguish of his soul; to some violently, to others untimely by accident; to some by sudden and unexpected death without warning; to all, some one way or other. And being Almighty God hath pleased to lay this sickness upon you, and therein time to repent, assure your self it is his visitation sent to you to try your faith and patience, or else to correct and amend what is amiss in you, or whatsoever hath offended your heavenly Father; for every child whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, to prepare for a better world; affliction seals us up to adoption; by it he exercises his Children, and the graces he bestows upon them: it is a

special means to further our contrition and repentance: In affliction, saith the Lord, they will hear me. *David's* troubles made him pray; *Hezekiah's* sickness made him weep; and misery drew the Prodigal child home: We have the Prophets examples and patterns of bearing afflictions patiently; which though the punishment and shame is of sin, God turns to be the subject of his honour and glory, in saving a sinner that calls upon him in faith and true repentance, to Heaven. His chastisements are signs of his Fatherly love; which, though for the present, seem grievous unto us, afterward it bringeth quiet fruit of righteousness, to those whom the Lord giveth grace to make a sanctified use of it, for which he hath inflicted this sickness on you.

And know you certainly, though your sins are many and grievous which you have committed, by the temptation of the Devil; yet upon your true repentance, God hath promised to forgive; the benefits of which, are, the escaping eternal death, God's everlasting punishments, and the attaining eternal salvation: where sin abounds, there grace much more abounds. God calls all those that are heavy laden, to refresh and ease them of all their trouble; the Lord forsaketh

no man, till man forsaketh him: Look not so much upon the greatness of thy sins, as to the riches of his mercy, and let thy soul be comforted in the All-sufficient atonement of the blood of Jesus Christ. Let the wicked (saith the Lord) forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto me, and I will have mercy upon him, and I will pardon him abundantly: Let not your conscience be terrified at the remembrance of your transgressions, for there is no sin bars a man from salvation, but incredulity and impenitency. Therefore lift up your hearts unto the Lord, call unto him for mercy, repent earnestly of your sins, and have a lively confidence in Christ's merits, and doubt not but upon your humble contrition and sorrow for sin, with sighs and tears (the blood of a wounded soul) God will receive your soul into everlasting happiness, to live in eternal glory, which he of his infinite mercy grant, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The sick saith:

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon me miserable sinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy upon me miserable sinner.

O God the Holy-Ghost, proceeding from

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the Father and the Son, have mercy upon me miserable sinner, &c.

By thine Agony and bloody-sweat, By thy Cross and Passion, By thy precious Death and Burial, By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the coming of the Holy-Ghost.

Good Lord deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our weakness, in the hour of death, and in the day of Judgment.

Good Lord deliver us.

I Humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon mine infirmities, and for the glory of thy Names sake, turn from me all those evils that I most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee (if I live) in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Friends of the sick party shall exhort him to examine himself of his estate, both towards God, and towards man; that so by the condemning of himself, he may find mercy at the hands of God, for Christ Jesus sake.

1. Of the confession of his faith.
2. Of his sins and offences, both against
God

God Almighty, either publick or private, or his Neighbour in word or deed.

3. Of his confidence and faith in Jesus Christ, for the death and passion he suffered for all sinners.

4. Advise the party to send for the Minister, that he may pray with him; for the Lord hath promised to hear the prayers of the Faithful for us, and to forgive us our trespasses; And that he may give him the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; he living Bread that came down from Heaven; *If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: the Bread that I give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the World; for whosoever eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day,* John 6, 51.

5. Advise him to call to mind what injury or wrong he hath done to any man in word or deed, that he may, like good *Zachens*, make satisfaction where he hath injuriously and fraudulently taken and detained from any man, by oppression or deceit, his goods or mony; for without restitution there can be no Repentance; and if no Repentance, no expectation of salvation.

6. Advise him also to set his house in order, for death will not be long in coming,
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Eccles. 24. and that the covenant of the grave is not revealed to any : and to make a judicious distribution of his estate, not forgetting the poor.

The sick saith.

1. I believe in God the Father Almighty;
&c.

2. I am fully perswaded, and undoubtedly in my conscience believe, and do confess and acknowledge before God and you here present, that every point and Article of this my belief is true, and necessary to salvation.

3. I acknowledge that I have been a grievous sinner, offending my God many wayes, both in thought, word, and deed, and am guilty of the breach of all his Commandments; deserving for the same his heavy wrath and indignation against me; I am sorrowful and mourn in my soul for them, trusting that the Lord for Jesus Christ his sake, who sitteth at the right hand of God, making intercession for my sin, will have mercy upon me, and grant me forgiveness for the same, and after this life ended, receive me to his eternal habitation.

4. I confidently believe that Jesus Christ is the only Mediator and Saviour of all mankind,

kind, and that I shall be saved by the only merits of his precious death and passion, which suffered on the Cross for my salvation; denying all meritorious works of my own, and that there is no name under heaven whereby I may be saved, but in the name of Jesus Christ.

5. I do from my heart freely forgive all the World, all those that have any way wronged, injured, or offended me by word or deed, as I desire to be forgiven of God. And I desire likewise, all men whom I have often offended, by committing any unjust, unonsciousable, or uncharitable act or deed, to forgive me, being sorry for what I did, to their prejudice or hurt.

O Lord I beseech thee hear my prayer, and spare me which do confess my sins; that I whose conscience by sin is accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord my Redeemer, have mercy upon me, and receive my spirit.

*A Prayer to be said by those that Visit
the Sick.*

O Most mighty and eternal God, which hast compassion on all men, and haest nothing that thou hast made; mercifully we beseech thee to have compassion on this thy servant, who by thy visitation hath been sorely afflicted, and by the same even brought to the termination of his dayes, and end of his life: be pleased good Lord to have mercy upon him, accept of him as the work of thine own hand, a Lamb of thy fold; thy servant, redeemed by Jesus Christ; who is willing by thy appointment, to leave this miserable World, in full assurance of thy mercy in Jesus Christ, for the remission of his sin: guide him good Lord, in this his last journey, that he being quit of all the troubles of this transitory World, he may safely by thy power, be conducted to the Haven of eternal happiness, into the arms of thy unspeakable mercy, to everlasting peace, to perpetual joy, and there to reign with all the company of Saints and Angels in eternal blis for evermore.

Good Lord we beseech thee, by the abundance of thy goodness, by the multitude of thy

of thy mercies, by the merits of thy Death and Passion, by the glorious Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ, have mercy upon him: deliver him from the burthen of his sins, the fear of death, and the power of Hell; and give him a quiet and joyful departure, and receive him in thy favour to the fulness of joy in thy everlasting Kingdom, to reign with thee world without end. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving after Recovery.

O Lord my God and heavenly Father, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy infinite mercies to withhold my life from the pit of corruption, and in good measure restored me again to my former health, crowning me with mercy and loving kindness, my soul and all that is within me shall praise thy holy Name: I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, and sing praises unto thy Name, O thou most High, for the health of my body; I bless thee for it with my soul: and good Lord, give me also the health of my soul, then shall I magnifie and praise thee for thy goodness, with soul & body. This gentle correction hath brought me nigher unto thee, and upon thy forbearance I have promised amendment of life; and that I may so do, assist me with thy grace,
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give me constancy and perseverance in good works, and keep me from relapsing into those sins which induced thy former judgments: and though the custom of sin take away the sense of sin, and my infirmities being many; yet good Lord, forsake not my soul in any temptation, neither suffer me to fall into such notorious sins again, which I have truly repented me of; but so guide me by thy grace in the small remainder of my dayes that I have to live in this World, that my life may be ordered by thy governance, and alwayes do that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm 116.

I Am well pleased, that the Lord hath heard the voyce of my prayer.

2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of Hell get hold upon me.

4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I shall call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

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6. The Lord preserve the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8. And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living.

10. I believed, and therefore will I speak, but I was sore troubled: I said in my heart, All men are lyers.

11. What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his Saints.

14. Behold (O Lord) how that I am thy servant, I am thy servant, & the Son of thy hand-maid, thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15. I will offer unto thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people: in the Courts of the Lords house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. *A*

A Morning Prayer for a Private Family.

O God the Father, Creator, and Maker of all things in Heaven and Earth; O Christ the Redeemer of all mankind; and thou (O blessed Spirit) the Sanctifier of all the Elect, have mercy upon us; spare us most miserable sinners whom thou hast Redeemed, and be not angry with us for ever; but hearken unto our Prayer, receive our petitions, and grant our requests, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and blessed Saviour.

We thy poor and unworthy Servants, in all humility of Soul and Body, and unfeigned acknowledgment of our bounden duty, prostrate our selves before the Throne of thy mercy-seat, praising and magnifying thy Fatherly goodness, for the abundance of thy blessings, for the multitude of thy mercies, continually heaped upon us; beseeching thee for Christ his sake to be merciful to all our sins committed against thy
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divine Majesty; upon the consideration of which, we confess we are not worthy to appear in thy sight, much less to ask a blessing at thy hands; for by reason of our corrupt Nature in us derived from our first parents, our inclination hath been prone to commit all manner of sin and wickedness against thy goodness; thy Laws and Precepts we have broken both in thought, word, and deed; out of our hearts proceed evil and wicked imaginations, which defile the soul, and the whole man is altogether abominable; the eyes that now look up to thee for mercy, have beheld vanity; our tongues that now call upon thee, have blasphemed thee; our hands now lifted up to heaven, have been lifted up against thee; our feet have been willing to run to commit any mischief by the temptation of Satan; our wills being continually averse to thy commandments; the Law of sin is in our members, repugnant to the Law of our mind, making us altogether unworthy of the least of thy mercies; and miserable that we are, the numberless number of our sins have been multiplied as the number of our sinful dayes have increased; these things, O Lord, we have done to our shame, and if thy mercy prevent not judgment, to our utter destruction of soul and body;

body; we must acknowledge thou who art our Creator, who hast made us, by the precious death of Jesus Christ redeemed us, and by thy holy Spirit sanctified us; and many are the blessings and benefits which we enjoy both in soul and body; therefore by the contrition of our hearts, by the testimony of our consciences, we stand convicted, and at the horrid thought of our sins we are mightily astonished; what shall we say, or wherein shall we open our mouths, who shall deliver us from the misery due to us for our transgressions? nothing can be expected in this life but misery and confusion, and in the world to come eternal condemnation. But yet, O Lord, in obedience of thy command, and in confident assurance of thy endless and unspeakable mercy, promised in Jesus Christ to all sinners, with sorrow in our hearts, with shame in our face, in humility of spirit, we appeal from thee, to thee; from thee a just Judge, to thee a merciful Father; from the Throne of thy justice, to the Seat of thy mercy; beseeching thee to have mercy upon us, O Lord, to have mercy upon us, and turn thy face away from all our sins, and blot out all our transgressions; for the only meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ thy innocent Lamb, who so
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abundantly shed his blood on the Cross to take away the sins of the World; accept we intreat thee, that inestimable price of his sufferings, for a full ransom for all our sins; remit them unto us, and divert thy Judgments and punishments from us, and assure us of thy love and favour in Christ: and for the time to come, work in us by the graces of thy holy Spirit, true and unfeigned Repentance, and faith with strength against sin, and grace in some better measure to do thy will; reform our affections, transform us out of sin, into the glorious liberty of thy own children, to live in newness of life, in holy conversation, and continual obedience to thy divine Majesty.

And seeing O Lord it hath pleased thee of thy goodness to deliver us from the power of darkness, and all dangers of the night past, affording us quiet and comfortable rest, bringing us safe to the beginning of this day: our souls and all that is within us shall praise thy holy Name; desiring continually to render unto thee all possible praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of our Blessed Saviour, for our Redemption by passion, for our Creation, Election, Justification, and Sanctification in some good measure, and assured hope of Glorification in the World

to come : we likewise bleſs thee for our lives, health, liberty, peace and proſperity, for our preſervation, and deliverance from evil ſince we were born, for the freedom of thy Goſpel, for the comfort we enjoy under His Majeſties happy Reign; for delivering our Church and Kingdom from Forrein Invaſion; for ſparing and giving us ſo long a time of Repentance : for theſe thy bleſſings and benefits our ſouls ſhall praiſe the Lord of Heaven, whoſe mercy endureth from generation to generation.

Bleſs and defend us (O Lord) this day, direct and protect us in the ſame, bleſs our going out and coming in; let thy Spirit guide us in all our Actions, deliver us from the temptation and malice of the Devil, and keep us both in ſoul and body from all his devices; and let thy grace preſerve and guide us in all our wayes, that we may walk circumspectly, and ſtrive to avoid all occasions of committing or running into ſuch ſins, which by nature we are apt to fall into : ſet a watch before the door of our lips, that we may not offend thy Majeſty by ill words, or blaſphemous oaths; keep us we beſeech thee from violent paſſions, which provoke thy wrath and indignation againſt us; and guide our feet in the way of peace, which leads us

to everlasting salvation: Let the dew of thy blessing descend upon our labours, and prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handy-work; make us diligent and dutiful in our calling; and that we may have a good conscience in all our dealings, not any way to defraud any man, knowing one day we must give an account for all our words and deeds: And good Lord, we beseech thee so to bless our endeavours, that we may raise such a competency and convenient sufficiency, void of wretched care, for the supportation of our lives, in a modest and civil manner; and especially give us hearts and minds contented with what thou shalt be pleased to lay upon us, strength and patience in all afflictions and temptations, troubles and adversities, which seal thy children to salvation: give us meekness, and humility in prosperity, and constancy in well doing; and for the small remainder of our lives, that we have to live here on earth, give us grace to consecrate it to thy service, and live in thy fear, not setting our hearts on transitory things, but carefully labour to redeem the time; not deferring our repentance, but endeavour to make our calling and election sure, working our salvation in fear and trembling, before we go hence and be no more
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seen: And grant us, O Lord, that when the race and course of our natural life here on Earth is finished, we may at the last receive a crown of righteousness, which thou from the beginning hast laid up for them that fear thy Name.

In these our Prayers, we further intreat thee, O Lord, for a blessing upon thy Church universal, more especially we beseech thee to continue the peace and prosperity of these Churches wherein we live, and every member thereof; more especially, ever mightily protect and defend, from all evil and danger; and bless with the chiefest of thy blessings, thine Anointed, and our dread Sovereign Lord King *Charles*, the Queens Majesty, *James* Duke of *York*, and the rest of the Royal Progeny: Bless the Lords of his Majesties honourable Privy Counsel, the Reverend Clergy, and all Civil Magistrates: bless all our Friends and Kindred and acquaintance; bless us all, good Lord, from the highest to the lowest; help and comfort all our brethren, that in this transitory life be in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity: Comfort the comfortless, help the distressed, and defend all that Travel by Land or Water; and work in all and every one of us, true fear of thy holy Name,

Name, and constant resolution to serve thee to our lives end.

Good Lord hear, Lord hearken unto us we beseech thee, and accept of this our Morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; hear our prayers, and grant our petitions that we have asked, and all other blessings, which thou in thine infinite wisdom knowest most necessary for us, and thy whole Church; we ask and crave at thy merciful hands, in the Name, and through the Mediation of thy dear Son, our blessed Redeemer, our only Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, in that most excellent form of Prayer, which he in his holy Gospel hath taught us, saying;

*Our Father which art in Heaven, Hal-
lowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come,
&c.*

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Love of God, and the Fellowship of the
Holy-Ghost be with us all for evermore,
Amen.*

*An Evening Prayer for a Private
Family.*

O Eternal God and Heavenly Father, which hast made of one blood all mankind, and breathed into us the breath of life, and assigned times and length of our life in this world, which thou continuest according to thy good pleasure; and if thou withdrawest thy hand, we soon perish, and are returned to dust, whence we were taken: we will therefore shew forth thy power in the Evening, and magnifie thy goodness for saving us this day from dangers, and from our birth, in the whole course of our lives hitherto preserving us: for thou art a God of patience, pity, and much forgiveness; shewing mercy unto thousands, and blotting out all our offences. O Lord, we pray thee set not before thine eyes the horrible confusion, uncleanness, and wickedness of our hearts, (being replenished with loathsome darkness, of ignorance, errors, doubtings, and distrust) yea, our vile hearts have

have been turned away from thee, and all the powers of our souls and bodies are filthily defiled and weakned with wickedness; only we cry aloud unto thee, favourab'y to consider the troubles and sorrows of our hearts, to strengthen our infirmities, and to pardon our most horrible offences: for we are wounded and weak, and cannot be holpen but only through thy exceeding great mercy. There is no health in our flesh, because of thy displeasure, neither is there any peace or rest in our souls, by reason of our sins; yet hear thou us (O Lord) for thy Holy Name-sake, for Jesus Christ his sake pardon and forgive us all our sins that we have committed against thee this day; and grant us, thy grace, that we may amend our lives, and unfainedly serve thee in the several duties of our Callings, to thy glory, and the comfort of our own souls; remit our punishments, restore us to thy wonted favour, and receive us into thy most gracious protection, and keep us this night and evermore, that the Devil may have no power over us, nor the sin of wickedness may be able to hurt us. Whether we sleep or wake, live or dye, we are alwayes thine, thou art our Creator and Redeemer; guard us about with the Armies of thy Holy Angels in our habitations;

Expel and remove far away from us wicked Spirits (our mortal enemies) and graciously protect us from our persecuters which lay snares to subdue us : Do thou (O God) assist us, that we may peaceably sleep and rest in thee : hide us in thy Tabernacle from the strife of all men, and we will fear no evil, for thou that keepest us, dost neither slumber nor sleep ; thy rod and thy staff do alwayes comfort and defend us : Let thy mercy (O God) prevent and follow us all the dayes of our lives, that we may dwell in thy House of defence in longness of dayes, praising thee evermore, Father, Son, and Holy-Ghost, one true, gracious, and everlasting God, ruling and reigning world without end.

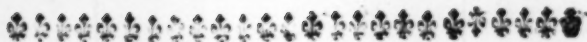
Our Father which art in Heaven: Hallowed, &c.

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST.

Let thy mighty hand, and out-stretched Arm, O Lord, be still our defence ; thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ thy

thy dear Son our Salvation; thy true and
hoy word our instruction; thy Grace and
holy Spirit our comfort and consolation, to
the end, and in the end. So be it. *Amen.*

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
&c.*



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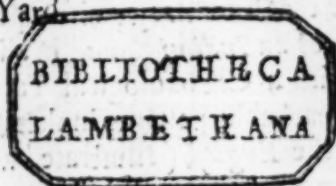
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